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THE PIRATES' EXCUSE.

The release of Capt. W. G. Lalor, the master of the a.s. Slang Tan, will take place to-day beyond question, the naval authorities are of opinion, all arrangements being completed, Mr. Toucher having the \$20,000 in his possession.

Mr. Toucher has established what might be called friendly relations with the bandit chief, and in the course of conversations, he has learned that when the brigands carried out the attack on the a.s. Slang Tan while the vessel lay at anchor last Wednesday night, they were under the impression that it was a Japanese ship.

Looking for Arms.

The bandits thought that the Japanese steamer was carrying arms and ammunition, and attacked the boat for the purpose of securing these. The men shot on board in the course of the attack offered resistance.

The bandit chief stated that the search for arms and ammunition was abandoned immediately the gang discovered that the vessel they had pirated in the darkness was the British steamer, the a.s. Slang Tan.

An "Afterthought."

The kidnapping of Capt. W. G. Lalor was carried out as an afterthought.

The naval authorities in an official message to-day state that the whole of the left bank of the Yangtze between Ichang and Shantung is dominated by bandit gangs.

The situation is so serious that a volunteer peasant organisation has been established on the right bank, and armed look-outs are continually on watch to prevent the bandits from crossing the river.

It is believed that other lines, in addition to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., will suspend sailing to Ichang.

HEAVY SENTENCES IN MARINE COURT.

BOARDING SHIPS WITHOUT PERMISSION.

At the Marine Court this morning, severe sentences were inflicted on boarding-house runners and passenger boat masters and mistresses, for boarding vessels without permission, subsequent to several warnings having been given with regard to this offence.

Of 17 who were charged in respect of the President Pierce, two were found to have had previous convictions for the same offence, and were both sentenced to two months' hard labour without the option of a fine.

The remainder were sentenced to one month's hard labour each without the option of a fine.

Eight other defendants were charged with a similar offence in respect of the a.s. Haldis, and two of these, with previous convictions, were given two month's hard labour each.

Other Offences.

The mistress of a passenger boat, pleading not guilty to the charge of making fast to the a.s. Haldis whilst the vessel was under way, was convicted after evidence, and fined \$10, with the usual alternative.

Two motor-boat masters, charged with anchoring in the Southern Fairway, failed to answer the charge, their bail of \$10 being estreated. His Worship expressed the opinion that bail should in these cases be made \$50, as the fine was usually \$10 and there should be something additional to ensure the appearance of accused.

One passenger-boat mistress pleaded guilty to anchoring in the Southern Fairway, and was fined \$10, with the usual alternative in case of non-payment.

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COST OF SINGAPORE BASE.

ESTIMATES CONTINUOUSLY REVISED.

EXPERTS ON THE SPOT.

London, Dec. 6.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Captain Douglas King said that the military portion of the Singapore base scheme was under review, as the result of technical examination on the spot. He was at present unable to estimate the expenditure.

Comdr. Kenworthy requested an estimate of the expenditure falling on other votes than the Admiralty.

Mr. Churchill repeated that the cost to the Admiralty was £7,750,000. He was unable to estimate the cost to other votes, which were continuously under review.

He said that the cost at any stage cannot accurately be foreseen, and there had been several final estimates, which, however, were subjected to continual scrutiny.—*Reuter*.

WORLD SHORTAGE OF TIN.

MR. FORD'S ACTIVITIES AFFECT THE MARKET.

London, Dec. 6.

Speaking at a meeting of the London Tin Syndicate to-day, Lord Askwith, the chairman, declared it was idle to dispute the menace of a tin shortage.

He said the threatened shortage would probably have materialised this year, but for the temporary lull in the American motor-car industry caused by the reorganisation of Mr. Ford's works.

Lord Askwith added that at the present time there are "actually only 3,005 tons in the warehouses in this country and in the United States, which is not even a fortnight's requirements. With the larger requirements looming immediately ahead, there is an urgent need of increased production."

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GRAPHIC EARLY MORNING DUELS.

LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD.

London, Dec. 6.

The Gladstone graving dock, which is the first completed section of the new system of docks at Liverpool, has now been thrown open to shipping.

The dock is the largest permanent dry dock in the world, and can be used as a wet dock when required. There is adequate space to allow vessels of 1,000 feet in length to manoeuvre in the dock.—*British Wireless*.

THE BRITISH EXCHEQUER.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

London, Dec. 6.

The exchequer revenue from April 1 to December 3 is £247,393,788, and the expenditure £571,471,924, compared with £243,404,588 and £564,003,689 in the corresponding period last year.

BRITISH LABOUR LEADERS.

MR. MACDONALD AND MR. CLYNES RE-ELECTED.

London, Dec. 6.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was today unanimously re-elected chairman and leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party. Mr. J. R. Clynes was re-elected deputy chairman.—*British Wireless*.

Safe Ransacked.

The key was eventually found and the robbers then proceeded to ransack the safe, from which \$200 in notes and silver was taken. The fobs were then searched and

SHOOTING SENSATION.

POLICE BATTLES WITH ARMED ROBBERS.

EUROPEAN SERGEANT AMONG SEVEN CASUALTIES.

TWO CHINESE SHOT DEAD.

A series of conflicts between police parties and a band of armed robbers, representing one of the most sensational episodes in the criminal annals of the Colony, took place in Hongkong during the early hours of this morning. As a consequence, a Chinese constable, engaged on search duties at the Hongkong-Yaumati ferry wharf, was killed, whilst a European police sergeant, an Indian constable and two Chinese constables are lying in hospital very seriously wounded. One robber was killed, two (one wounded) arrested and the other made his escape. The police casualties were:

Killed.

Chinese Constable No. 569 Wan Wong-ki.

Seriously Wounded.

European Sergeant No. 107 T. McMahon.

Indian Constable No. 382 Ali Asgar Khan.

Chinese Constable No. 66 Chan Shing.

Chinese Detective Constable No. 446 Lui Tung.

The four robbers first went to the Mee Sun Restaurant, near the Western Market, where they partook of a meal. Waiting until the restaurant was about to close, they produced revolvers, held up the staff and proceeded to ransack the safe, from which they stole about \$200. They then made their escape, but later happened to encounter a number of police parties with whom they engaged in running battles in various parts of the city. It was during these encounters that the police casualties were suffered.

THE GLADSTONE DOCK OPENED.

The story of the affray, told in various sums in small coinage were taken from them. The robbers then left the premises, with their victims apparently securely pinioned, stealing in addition to the money, one long coat.

This was at approximately 2.5 a.m., the whole proceeding having lasted less than 20 minutes. With the departure of the robbers.

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THE SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS.

COMMUNISM'S GAINS AND LOSSES.

RECENT EXPULSIONS.

Moscow, Dec. 6.

Reviewing the internal situation in Russia, at the congress of the Communist Party, M. Stalin admitted that dissatisfaction with the Soviet was growing among the tens of thousands of small capitalists, who were being ruined by the growth of socialist industry and trade, and among the many civil servants dismissed as a result of the reduction of staffs in State concerns, but he claimed that thousands of the tolling intelligentsia were passing over to the Soviet, led by the technical intelligentsia connected with industry.

Dealing with the expulsion of Trotzky and Zinovjeff from the party, Stalin enumerated the fundamental differences with the opposition. The latter denied the possibility of the successful establishment of socialism in Soviet Russia, and disagreed with Lenin's view that a bloc was admissible in certain conditions with the bourgeoisie of colonial countries waging against imperialism. They also disagreed with the tactics of a united front in the world labour movement to win over the labour masses to Communism.—*Reuter*.

GOLD GOING BACK TO LONDON.

U. S. SHIPMENTS FOLLOW STERLING RISE.

New York, Dec. 6.

The first movement of gold to Britain since sterling rose above parity several weeks ago, and the first this year, is being made to-day, the International Acceptance Bank shipping a million dollars.

Yesterday's sterling cables quoted \$4.88 1/4, which is interpreted in Wall Street as indicating that the gold shipping point has been reached.—*Reuter's American Service*.

LONDON ENGINEERS CONFER.

EMPLOYERS TO MEET EMPLOYED.

London, Dec. 6.

A joint meeting is to be held between representatives of the engineering trades in London and an important group of engineering employers, to discuss a scheme for setting up a joint engineering council for the metropolitan area.

This is the outcome of the movement to secure better relations between employers and employed.—*British Wireless*.

EMPLOYMENT FOR RESERVISTS.

RETENTION IN ARMY SUGGESTED.

London, Dec. 6.

In the House of Commons, Captain King regretted the impossibility of adopting a suggestion by Sir Frederick Hall that the Government should retain the section A army-reservists, returning from China, in the army, until they were able to obtain employment.—*Reuter*.

ITALIAN PRESIDENT OF WORLD COURT.

The Hague, Dec. 6.

Sigmar Anzilotti, of Italy, has been elected President of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and will hold office from 1928 to 1930.—*Reuter*.

U. S. POLICIES.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS DISARMAMENT.

PROSPERITY REVIEWED.

Washington, Dec. 6.

President Coolidge's message to Congress states that the country's prosperity has never been exceeded. The burden of the national debt is being steadily eliminated, and will be reduced at the end of the fiscal year from \$26,600,000,000 to \$17,975,000,000.

The annual interest, including war savings, has been reduced from \$1,055,000,000 to \$670,000,000. The average interest on the present public debt fell this year for the first time below four per cent. The annual saving on interest between 1926 and 1928 is \$212,000,000.

Without this, no bill to relieve taxpayers would be worth proposing. The people ought not to take a selfish attitude in pressing for the removal of moderate and fair taxes.

"We must keep the budget balanced yearly. That is the trifling price we pay to command the lowest interest of any of the Great Powers. The Navy, like the army, is a weapon of defence, but to meet our enormous national responsibilities substantial sea armament is necessary."

The Naval Conference?

He continues: "After very careful preparation, we recently made every effort to secure a three-Power treaty limitation of naval armament, and were granted much co-operation from Japan, but were unable to come to an agreement with Great Britain. While the results of the conference were of considerable value, they were mostly negative in character. We know now that no agreement can be reached which will be inconsistent with a considerable building programme.

On our part we are ready and willing to continue the preparatory investigations on the general subject of limitation of armaments started under the auspices of the League of Nations. Part of our considerable cruiser tonnage is obsolete, and the failure to agree should not cause us to build more, or less, than we would otherwise do. Any future treaty limitation will call on us for more ships. We should enter no competition, but should refrain from no useful programme. Propaganda will not cause us to change our course."

He says that more attention should be given to merchant ships as naval auxiliaries.

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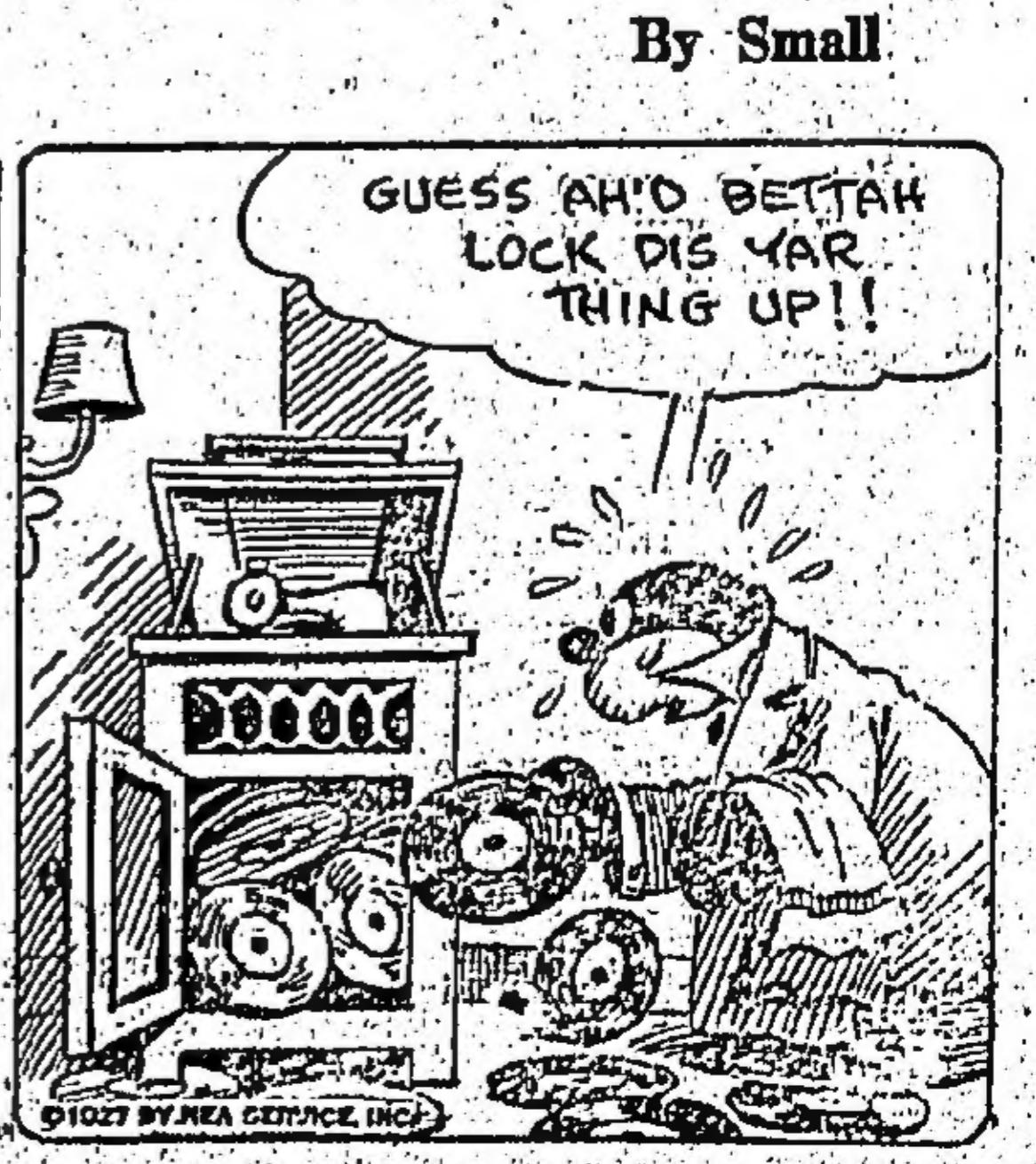
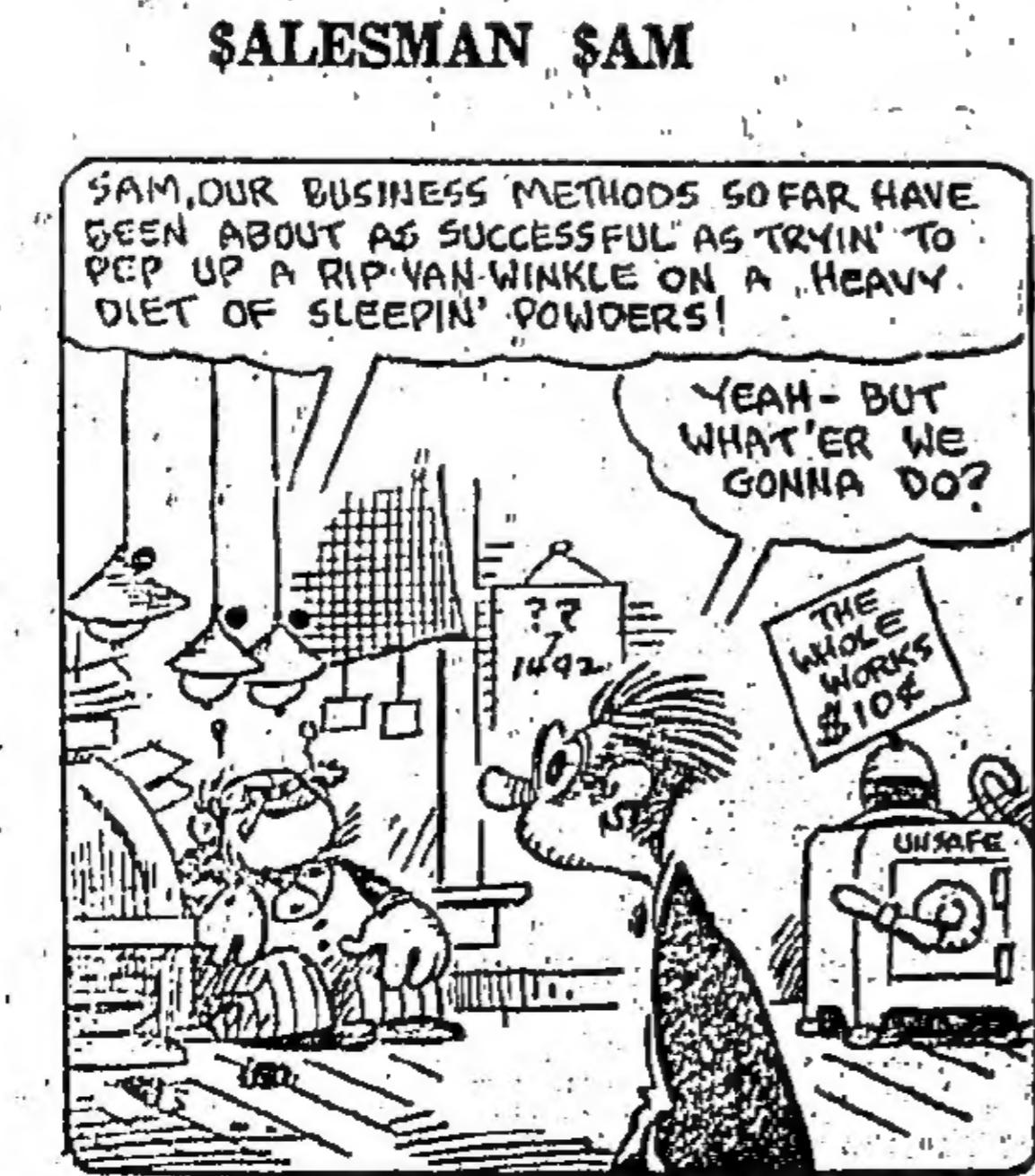
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

LECTURE ON PROGRESSIVE
CHRISTIANITY.

Dr. John M. Tutt, C.S.B., of Kansas City, Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts delivered a lecture on Christian Science, entitled "Christian Science: Progressive Christianity," under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, yesterday evening.

The lecturer was introduced by Mrs. Phyllis E. Greig, Member of the Church, who said:

Friends—There is a saying of Jesus, the founder of Christianity, recorded in the 12th chapter of St. John's Gospel, which reads: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

In this age Christian Science is lifting up the Christ from the earth, in order that all men may be drawn unto Him. And why should all men be drawn unto Him? Because He has said: "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." And it is also written: "For I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Deut. 15:26).

I first heard of Christian Science twenty years ago, and for the past sixteen years it has proved my unfailing remedy for every ill, mental, moral and physical.

On one occasion, during the influenza epidemic in Paris, in 1919, I was stricken of a very severe attack of that disease in twenty-four hours, and in three days there was no trace of my ever having been ill; and during that time I was working twelve to fourteen hours a day without interruption. Such instances of the efficacy of Christian Science can be attested by Christian Scientists all the world over to-day.

Now I will ask our lecturer, Dr. John M. Tutt, C.S.B., Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, to tell you about this wonderful Science and its practical application.

The Lecture.

Dr. Tutt, in the course of his lecture, said:—Early in the 19th century there was born, amid the granite hills of New Hampshire, a child whose delicate health was the despair of her parents, but whose spiritual mindedness early became a subject of wonderment to all. From childhood Mary Baker walked close to God. To her religion was more than an experience; it was "life itself." Years of semi-invalidism forced Mrs. Eddy to struggle for relief in many systems of healing. Her enquiring mentality deeply studied material medicine and various mental-medical systems, only to abandon them all as failing to meet her needs of mind and body. Throughout these years she went deeper and deeper into the thoughts of God, always clinging to the conviction that within the Bible there lay the explanation of Jesus' healing power, a power He himself said should always be available. At last, when physically helpless and medically hopeless, her tired eyes straining heavenward were gladdened by the revelation of spiritual Truth unfolding its glories to her enraptured consciousness. No longer needed she echo the despairing cry of the ages: "The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth." The evolving of the Christ idea brought complete healing of body and mind so that she could view the unfolding panorama of Spirit and joyfully declare with the prophet, "The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision." Fired by that vision and its results upon her body and mind, she reduced to human apprehension the revelation of Truth, and in 1876 published her book, "Science and Health, With Key to the Scriptures." This book and the Bible are the sole text books detailing true cause and effect, or spiritual evolution, and its applicability and application to human life.

Mrs. Eddy was herself the deepest student of her book. She wrote under divine inspiration, as she herself said, "a scribe under

orders" (Miscellaneous Writings, page 311); but theronster always the text unfolded its treasures ceaselessly to her devoted search. It is related, of Mrs. Eddy that she often expressed glad surprise at some new phase of Truth unfolded to her from the pages of her book. Casual readers of Science and Health sometimes remark upon the seeming repetition of the text. To the student, such similarity of expression is not redundancy, but rather an illustration of Truth's infinite shades of meaning which in variety are even as the leaves of the tree, no two leaves being exactly alike.

The evolution of Truth in Mrs. Eddy's consciousness unfolded to her more and more clearly the revelation she received from Divine Mind; hence the revisions of Science and Health. It is certain that Mrs. Eddy knew most about God and Christian Science at her highest point of progress; therefore it is wise to obey her admonition to study only her latest and final revision of the text book as now published.

It must be insisted that Christian Science is the only system of true metaphysics. All other schools of mental science so-called, under whatever name, are falsely metaphysical, evolved from human personalities and hopelessly involved with matter. This word metaphysics means literally "beyond matter." Mrs. Eddy was not the first thinker to deny matter but she, excepting Christ Jesus, was the first to recognize the aloneness of divine Mind and its infinite idea, man and the universe, and to teach and prove that matter, inclusive of mortal man, is a false presentation of that Mind and Creation.

The coming of Christ in Christian Science revealed the aloneness of God and His spiritual creation; hence Christian Science is the final revelation of Truth. But of the unfoldment of Truth to consciousness there can be no end. When questioned regarding the future of her church, Mrs. Eddy replied: "It will evolve scientifically." (Miscellany, page 342).

The spiritual growth of its members will measure the scientific evolution of the Church of Christ, Scientist; their spiritual status their progress Christward will be its substance.

Mary Baker Eddy was single of mind and tongue. One searches her writings in vain for a double meaning—the rare evidence of a double mind. All the truly great have been remarkable for their simplicity. St. Paul speaks of "the simplicity in Christ." You are safe in taking what Mrs. Eddy says in the simple and full meaning of her words. Knowing the unfolding nature of Truth she said in her supreme patience and modesty: "I even hope that those who are kind enough to speak well of me may do so honestly and not too earnestly, and this seldom, until mankind learns more of my meaning and can speak justly of my living." (Miscellany, page 264).

To-day it is certain that too much of the facts about Mrs. Eddy cannot be told. Mrs. Eddy could no more be dissociated from Christian Science as Discoverer, Founder, and inspired Leader, than Jesus could be left out of the scheme of salvation. Mary Baker Eddy never took retrogressive step, hers was a capacity for sustained effort; all her paths were toward the kingdom. She never compromised on a sense of Principle; the Master's "suffer it to be so" she conceded to others, rarely to herself. She permitted no interruption of material and spiritual activity, yet her way was calm, orderly, and poised. The students' growth in spiritual understanding and working knowledge of Christian Science is accompanied by enlarging appreciation and love of her who brought divine Truth to human consciousness. To his thoughts unfolds Mrs. Eddy's adequacy for the destiny God had for her. He is inspired by her example of devotion to duty: "He sees in Mrs. Eddy's life, duty, never tiring but hallowed by love, going all the way.

Sam, our business methods so far have been about as successful as tryin' to pep up a Rip-Van Winkle on a heavy diet of sleepin' powders! Yeah—but what'er we gonna do? The whole world's a dice! Here's what! I've borrowed some dough thu' publicity to finance an airplane trip around th' world in th' name of J. Guzzlem an' Company! How's at, kid? Fine, Guzz! Will spell business in big capitals! You learn navigation an' I'll learn piloting—let's go ta lunch!

On Upward Wing.

Infinite progression is the evolution of man's destiny. That is what God has in store for man. The fate alone awaits each of us, a fate inexorable but benign. There is no evil destiny. "Fear not, little flock: for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." To do what God has for us to do, to receive what God has for us to receive—that is evolution. Such is man's free moral agency.

True progress is the attainment and maintenance of man's reflected dominion over all. Man's obedience to divine power and wisdom is his reflection of that power and wisdom. Man knows he has by reflection God's dominion over the spiritual works of His hands and also over the material counterfeits of those works. My friend, assume that dominion. Are you averse to giving up some cherished bad practice or perhaps some enslavement, through hesitancy to use will power? Remember, the will to do right is the human mind's nearest approach to the divine dominion. Government by divine Principle fosters the determination to do right. Be willing to do right. Be unwilling to do wrong. Remember Jesus who stood steadfast in the face of temptation. Remember Mrs. Eddy who would not be swerved from her course unless God turned her; God alone could change her mind. Steadfastness in the truth is an essential of true progress. Make up your mind to do right and you will enlist all the force of omnipotence on your side. In such determination human will has no place. Are you waiting for God to remove an obstacle or a bad habit? "Go out after it, act, work with God and expect great things. To the extent that you immerse yourself in the divine Mind, you will emerge the victor over evil, for all moral fault is of the human mind and requires human will to commit it. The will to do right is a defiance of human will. Out of temptation overcome, not yielded to, comes spiritual strength. After the victorious argument Jesus had in the wilderness with personal sense he "returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about." The fame of Jesus was based upon His spiritual power to heal the sick and the shaming and to comfort the sorrowing. My friend, would you, too, be strong in spiritual might? Would you be more useful to suffering humanity? Then wrestle with the arguments of error and prevail through reliance upon Christ, spiritual Truth.

A Christian is no stronger than at this point of contact with the world. Also he is no more useful than at that point. There is neither isolation nor segregation in Christian Science. In obedience to Christ's command Christian Scientists literally go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Oh! blessed assurance that "shod with the preparation of the gospel" we may tread our way along the whole of the road with feet unsown. Christ's healing and saving virtue will go out to whomsoever touches Truth's garment on life's highway. Shall not Christians be always so clothed and available? We cannot let the rest of the world go by.

Christian Science is unfolding Truth to human consciousness. Obviously, the way to eliminate evil is to put the truth in their stead. The only way to be less material and more spiritual—the object of all Christian activity—is to make a start away from matter, and then keep on going away from matter. This is man's progressivism that each day shall unfold his best endeavour. So, my friend, let each day be to you a better day—a day in which to live better, to love more, to fear less. Your spiritual growth will multiply your experiences. Some of them may be bitter, others will be sweet. Take them as they come and rejoice in every impulsion heavenward. Let even the bitter help you on your way.

WATER SHORTAGE.

CHINESE PLEAD FOR RELIEF
FROM RESTRICTION.

The monthly meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce took place yesterday in the premises of the Chamber at Connaught Road Central. The chair was occupied by Mr. Li Yau-chuen and there was a fairly representative gathering of members.

Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, the Secretary, read a number of letters of diverse character from different business houses.

Mr. Chau Yue-teng addressed the meeting with regard to water restrictions in the Western district. He said that there had been an unusually heavy rainfall this year but the restriction had been introduced just the same—in fact, earlier this year than in previous years. He stressed the hardship suffered by those who are affected by the restriction and pointed out that those who had to go out of their house to earn a living usually found themselves without water unless they were prepared to pay for it. To employ a coolie to carry water would cost four to five dollars a month and Mr. Chau thought that this was a very large slice from the earnings of many of those concerned. He urged the Chamber to get the two Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council to try and obtain some relief from the Government on behalf of those who lived in the restricted areas.

There were two visible means of relief. One was that the water could be turned on twice a day instead of once a day as is done at the present moment, and the second method was to introduce more street fountains and thus obviate the long queues which were to be seen at every street fountain.

The meeting decided to bring the matter to the notice of the two Chinese members on the Legislative Council.

Grateful Villagers.

The elders of the Shek Kan Mei village have written to the Chamber to express their gratitude at the kind intercession of the Chairman of the Chamber on their behalf.

It will be recalled that the villagers received notice from the Government some time ago, to move from their present site, but the Chamber was successful in its efforts to induce the Government to stay its action for some time, the reason being that the villagers were too poor to move.

Wuchow Boycott.

The Tai Shing Paper Company wrote to the Chamber some time ago to the effect that their paper was being boycotted at Wuchow.

The chairman announced at yesterday's meeting that the Chamber was successful in inducing the labour guilds at Wuchow to lift the ban against the Tai Shing Company, it being explained that the factory was operated with Chinese capital.

Soviet Intrigue.

Twenty copies of the "Soviet Intrigue in China" published by the South China Publicity Bureau were sent to the Chamber last week and were distributed amongst the members at yesterday's meeting. The title of the book speaks for itself.

Your spiritual horizon, bear in mind, is peculiarly your own and is dependent on your point of ascension. Only so far a horizon have you as your spiritual elevation affords. But God's power, purpose and action are also yours by divine reflection, yours with which to envision and evolve the limitless wonders of true being.

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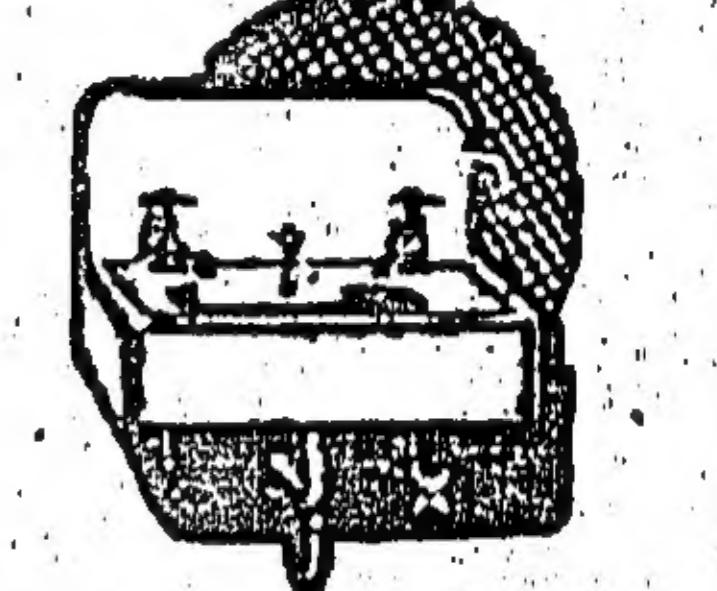
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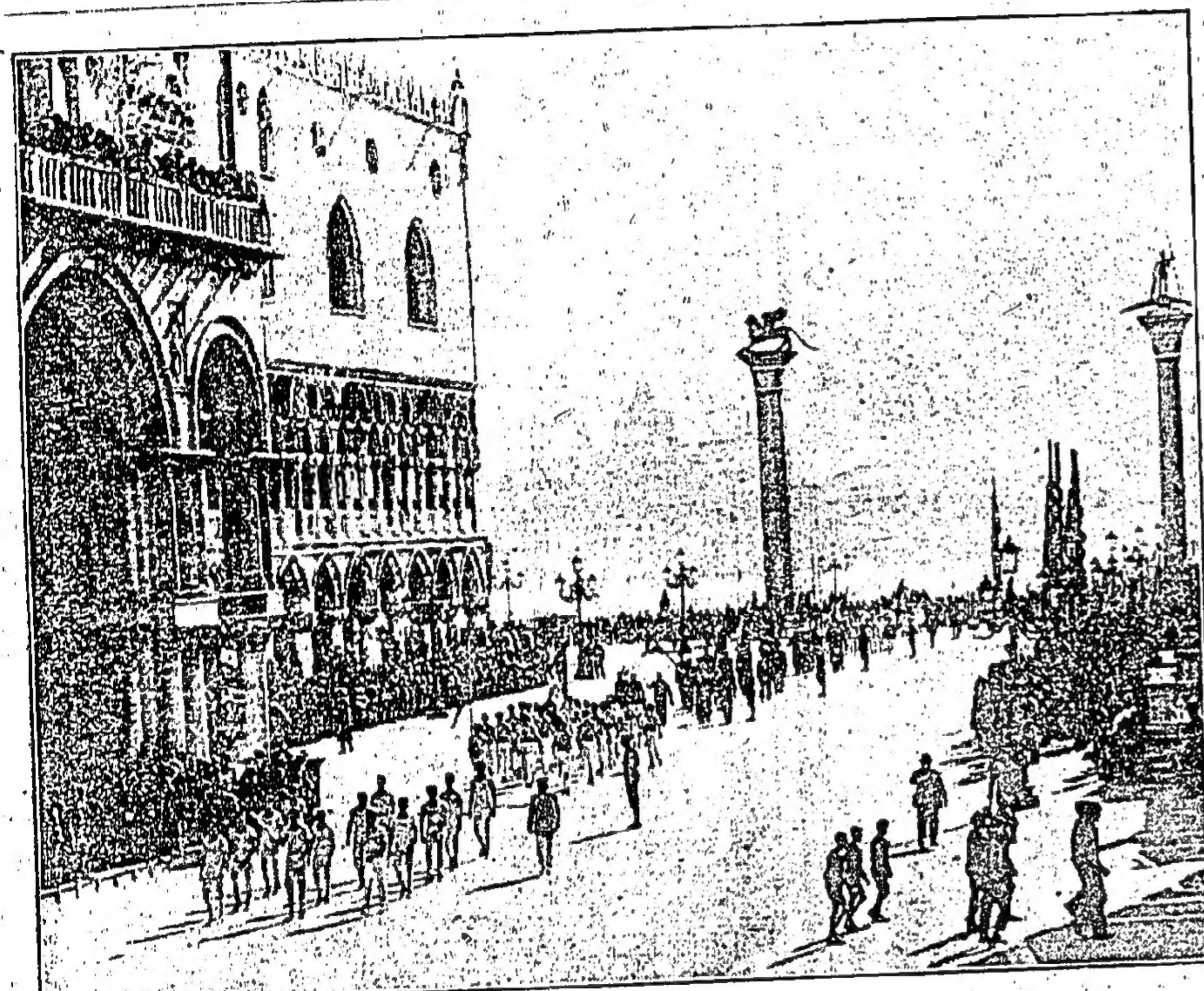




CAMBRIDGE SENIORS' SPORTS.—A photograph of the Three Miles race in the Seniors' Sports at Cambridge. The winner, A. N. Skelton (Folsted and St. John's), is seen here in the sixth position, with D. S. A. E. Jessop (Malvern and St. John's), who was second, following immediately behind him. The race was won by inches. (Times copyright).



A MARRAINE OF REGIMENTS.—Madame Sautot, who acted as marraine to ten battalions of chasseurs and 40 battalions of infantry during the war, receiving the accolade from General Gouraud after being decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honour. The ceremony was held in the courtyard of the Invalides, in Paris. (Times copyright).



FASCIST CELEBRATIONS IN VENICE.—The scene on the Piazzetta during the Fascist anniversary celebrations. The Palazzo of the Doges is in the left, and the famous columns are also shown. (Times copyright).



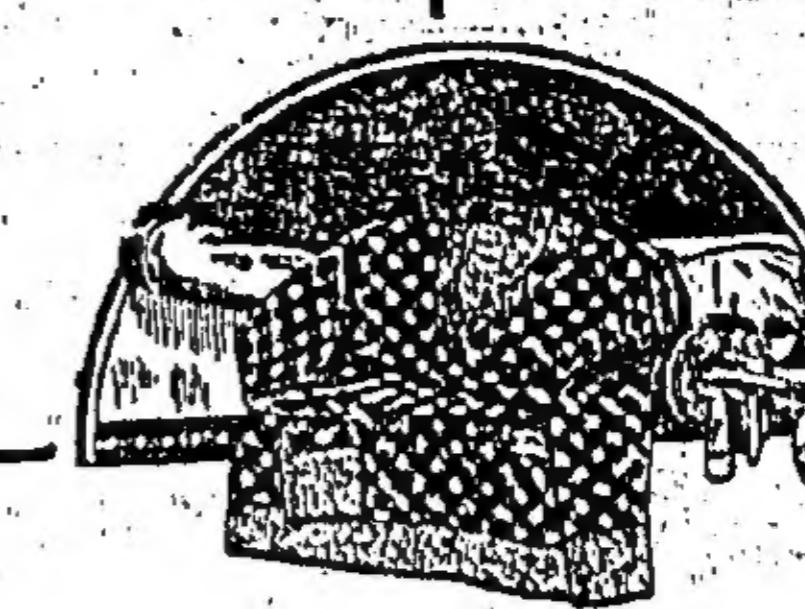
BELGIAN BABY PRINCESS.—The Duke of Brabant, heir to the Belgian Throne, photographed with his infant daughter, the Princess Josaphine. The Duchess before her marriage was Princess Astrid of Sweden. (Times copyright).



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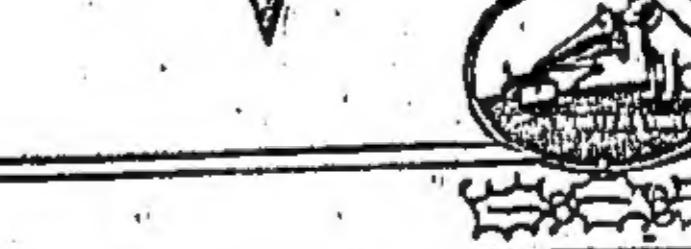
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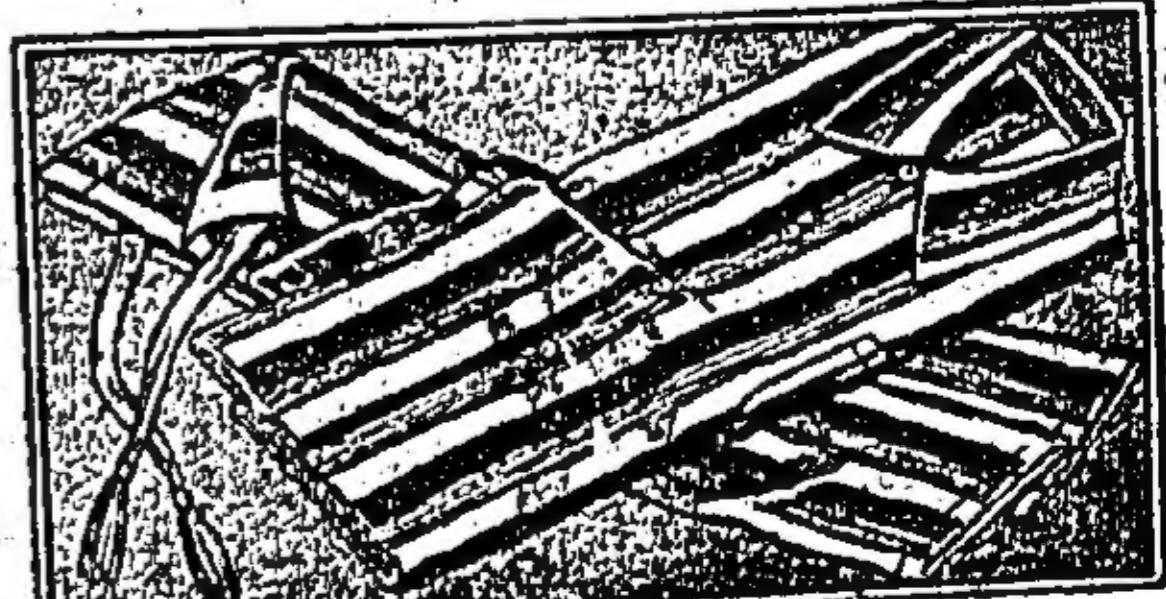
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By Order of the Board,
S. K. MOOSA,
Secretary.
Dated 7th December, 1927.

NOTICE.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company, Room 26 Bank of Canton Building, announces that effective December 6th, 1927, Mr. A. L. Thompson has been appointed Acting District Agent succeeding Mr. H. S. Zumwalt who is leaving for home.

COLUMBIA PACIFIC SHIPPING COMPANY,

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FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1927. (Weather Permitting). First Saddling Bell 12.45 p.m. First Race at 1.15 p.m. Public Enclosure 40 cents. Members Enclosure \$2.00.

Steamers to Macao.
Lungshan 8.30 a.m. Sunday, 11th December.

Sui An 9.30 a.m. Sunday 11th December.

Returning from Macao.
Sui An 3.30 p.m.
Lungshan 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 3, 1927.

NEW TERRITORIES AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

Wednesday and Thursday, 7th and 8th December, 1927.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 10th December, 1927, until Thursday, the 22nd December, 1927, both days inclusive.

Shareholders intending to send in for registration Transfers of partly Paid "New" Shares are particularly requested to note that the liability to pay the Final Call of \$3 per share is not transferred to the transferee, and the Company will therefore require payment of the Final Call before registering a transfer of "New" Shares.

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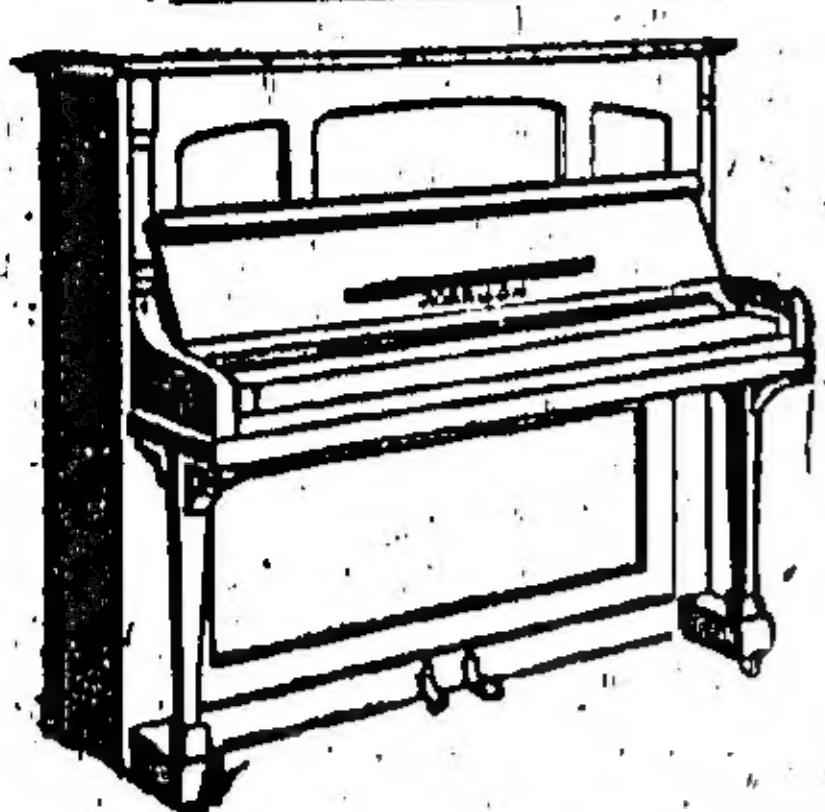
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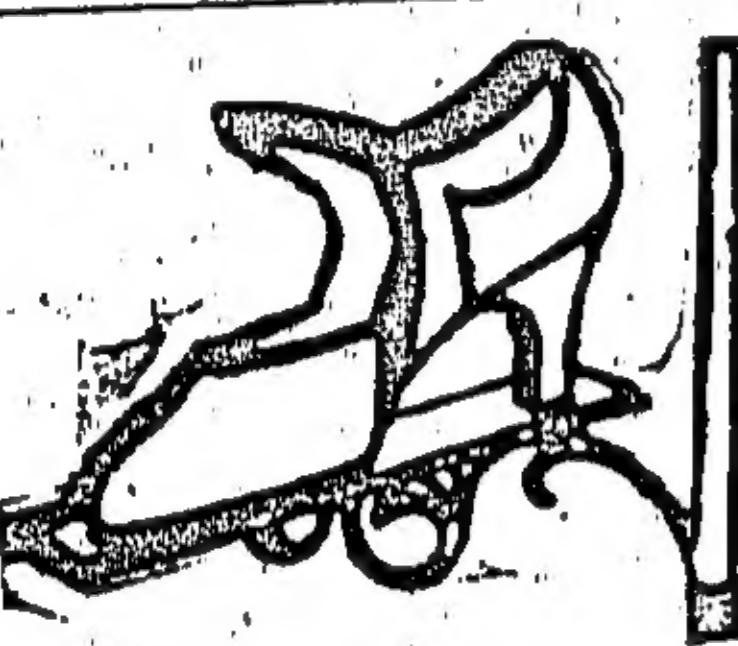
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HEIRS TO FORTUNE IN COURT DRAMA.

NEGLECT CHARGE FAILS.

An action for damages was brought by Mrs. Elsa Covey, of the Avenue, Blackheath, S.E., and her husband against the London General Omnibus Company, in London last month.

Mrs. Covey complained that she sustained a broken ankle in boarding an omnibus at New Cross, S.E., on September 21, 1926, owing to the negligence of the company's servants in starting the omnibus with a sudden jerk.

The defence was that the accident was caused through Mrs. Covey slipping.

In her evidence Mrs. Covey said that she was on her way to Regent-street, where she was employed by the British Model House as their head gown-fitter at a salary of £10 a week. That firm had closed, down their London business and she secured employment in the business of Mrs. Christabel Russell at £8 a week. But for her accident she would probably have secured a post with Reville's at £10 a week.

She denied that she slipped because she was wearing very high heels.

Mrs. Covey took off a shoe, which was handed to the jury.

John Frederick Sweeney, the conductor of the omnibus, said he always noted the passengers who boarded his omnibus.

"A conductor must necessarily be very observant," he added. "I invariably survey every passenger from top to toe so that I shall know their destination and be able to collect any excess fares."

Mrs. Covey (for Mrs. Covey): Do you distinguish them sometimes by their boots?

It is quite probable.

Is your survey confined to women or extended to men too?

Both. I might distinguish the women by their boots, especially as some of those they wear are fantastic.

Were Mrs. Covey's shoes fantastic?—No. They were black, sharp-pointed shoes.

Have you seen many accidents of this kind before?—Yes. I lived on the Continent for nine years in Poland, Russia, Sweden, Norway, and France, and saw a lot of accidents there.

He said he could speak Russian, Polish, and German fluently.

How many broken ankles did you see?—Dozens.

The jury awarded Mrs. Covey damages amounting to £147 9s. 9d. and Mr. Covey 29 7s. 6d. Judgment was entered accordingly with costs.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

AN ENTERTAINING FILM.

There is much that is pleasant and entertaining about "Ains the Deacon," the current film at the Queen's Theatre. It tells the story of how a sanctimonious professional gambler known as "the Deacon" befriends a young couple starting out on life's battle, and the tale, with its various complications, runs smoothly along until the happy ending is reached. A prize fight figures in the story, and this is excellently portrayed.

Besides the general excellence of the photography, the acting throughout is of a high order, honours being shared by Jean Harlow as the Deacon, June Marlowe in the part of the winsome heroine and Ralph Graves as the very likeable hero. The picture is well worth seeing.

There is also a clever film showing some fine tarpon fishing, and a most entertaining news reel.

The ninth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, on Thursday, December 22, at noon.

"A GREAT SALVATION SIEGE."

"ARMY" ADOPTS NOVEL METHODS IN CAMPAIGN.

During November the Salvation Army proposes making a demonstration probably of greater magnitude than any that has hitherto been attempted in the history of the organisation, says a Home paper of mail week. This is described as "the Great Salvation Siege," which will be in progress throughout the length and breadth of the United Kingdom from November 4 to 24.

Millions of letters have been issued to householders throughout the country. An echo of the early days of the Army is found in an All Night of Prayer held simultaneously in over 1,000 halls last night in which at least 100,000 Salvationists prayed for the salvation of the country.

No. 1 Corps of the Edinburgh Division held the service last night and this morning in the Epworth Halls. It began at one o'clock, and finished about half past five this morning. There was an interval for refreshments about two o'clock.

Colonel A. Smith, Territorial Officer of the Salvation Army in South Africa, led the service, and addresses were delivered also by Brigadier John McDougal, Major Terrace, and Adjutant Wm. Boyd. The service consisted of prayers, addresses, and hymns.

Daring Methods.

The Red-Hot Gospellers of the Army, singly and in battalions, will throughout the country proclaim their message from every street corner, and in other public places.

Some daring methods will be employed. "Days of Mourning" will be observed. On such days the Salvation battalions will go into mourning for the sins of some particular city or town. Processions have been arranged in which those who take part will be dressed in sackcloth or funeral black, and other trappings of woe, and banners bearing sensational devices will be borne along. It is intended also to have Bible days.

There will be meetings in public-houses, and in other places regarded as enemy territory, and "drink parades," "ghosts," processions, "tanks" and "armoured cars" from which Army musicians will blast the Salvation message, and other novel and striking means will be used to attract the attention of the people.

"Children Unhappy."

Mrs. Stephenson, in the witness-box, said that at the time of the divorce in 1919 the health of the children was sound. She visited the children from time to time, and noticed them become pale and unhappy. On October 22 she took them away from Penshurst, and they were overjoyed.

At lunch the boy gnawed a bone, and when a waiter took it away said "There is still more meat on it."

When a suggestion was made that the children should return to Penshurst the boy disappeared under a chair, and the girl stood in a threatening attitude.

Dr. Meggitt, of Portland Place, said the girl was tall for her age, but thin and not very clean. He found her backward mentally and her eyesight was defective. The boy's intelligence was also backward and he was of poor physique, some of his bones showing.

The children both appeared to be weak. He had a conversation with the grandmother, with the result that the children were rescued from the place. On that day the clothing of the children was filthy and their bodies dirty.

The Chairman said the Bench had come to the conclusion that there was not sufficient evidence to commit, and dismissed the case.

Mr. Jevons, asked for 50 guineas costs, saying that he had 23 witnesses and two doctors from London. An order for 20 guineas was granted.

Arising out of the case, Mr. Hubert Conway Jones, and Mr. George Stephenson were charged with taking away the children. The case was adjourned.

POLISHING UP OF MOSCOW.

FOR THE FOREIGN COMRADES.

BAN ON BREAD QUEUES.

Riga, Nov. 3.

The Moscow authorities are energetically cleaning up the city in preparation for the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Soviet next week. They are anxious that the 2,000 foreign comrades who are taking part in the celebrations shall return to their countries with glowing praises of such methods and results of Communism as they will be permitted to see.

To safeguard the visitor's pockets the police have arrested 2,000 homeless Moscow children, who have been interned in barracks on the outskirts till the departure of visitors.

Unemployed Warned.

Stringent measures are being taken to prevent the formation of bread queues. Moscow bakers are working three 8-hour shifts daily to supply the inhabitants with bread, and the people will therefore have much larger supplies than they have had for some time.

According to the Petrograd Pravda, two hundred and eighteen leaders of groups of unemployed have been arrested and sent to the provinces, while notices are posted prohibiting unemployed from gathering in groups in the streets. Similar actions have been taken in Moscow.

It is reported that Trotsky and Zinoviev, the former Commissars, who were recently expelled from the Communist executive because they criticised Soviet methods, will not be permitted to make speeches during the holidays; their names are not included in the official programme.

Chicherin's Geneva Scheme.

The Bolshevik war scare, which continues to occupy columns of the Soviet Press, is really a campaign against Britain, and Chicherin's Note to the League of Nations announcing Russia's willingness to take part in the coming disarmament session is part of the Bolshevik attempt to push this propaganda in Europe, since Chicherin is going to attempt to convert the League session into an anti-British meeting.

LETTER GOLF.

DOUBLE ACTION.

You get your money's worth with this one, changing MOLEHILL to MOUNTAIN in four strokes. You may change one letter of each half of the word as one stroke.

MOLEHILL

MOUNTAIN

1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in part, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

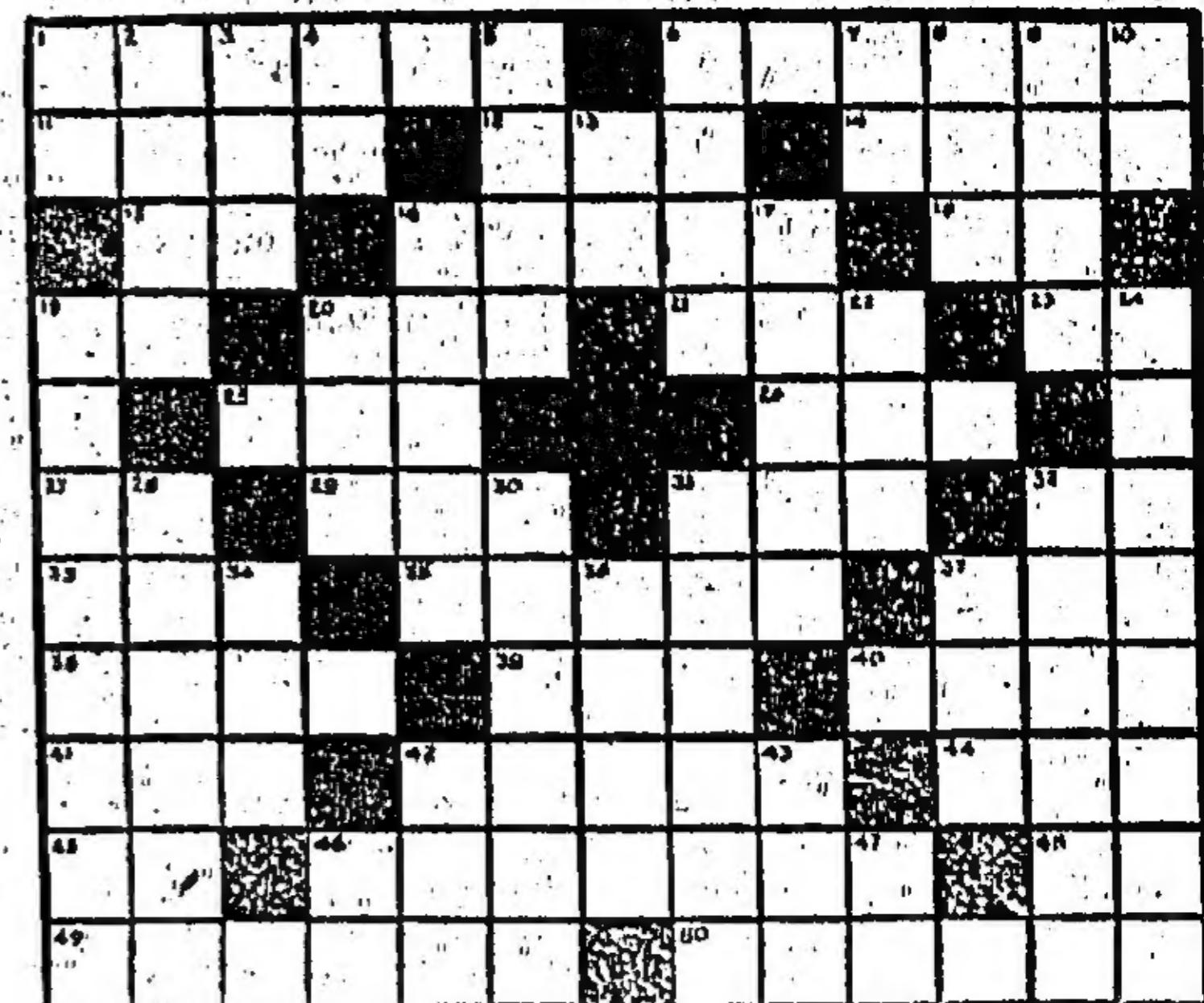
2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

1 Who is the feminine, lawyer character created by Shakespeare?
2 To return a ball on the high curve.
3 General notion.
4 Point of compass.
5 Within.
6 What is the brightest star in the constellation Lyra?
7 Upon.
8 To return a ball on the high curve.
9 General notion.
10 Point of compass.
11 Hedgehog.
12 To bind.
13 The joint of a stem.
14 Standard of type measure.
15 What is one of the largest rivers in the world?
16 To exist.
17 Mother.
18 Male cat.
19 Striped camel's hair cloth.
20 What rear admiral was recently transferred after publishing an article on the navy?
21 Digit of the foot.
22 Branch of learning.
23 What is the favourite sport in fall?
24 To recoil.
25 Peak.
26 Heavenly body.
27 What is the abbreviation for the unit of the English system of weights?
28 Before.
29 Fishing bag.
30 Therefore.
31 To rot flask by exposure.
32 An assumed name.
33 To wager.
34 Two fives.
35 Electrified particles.
36 To obstruct.
37 Lair of a wild beast.
38 To observe.
39 Minor note.
40 Shaft of a feather.
41 Noise.
42 Who is the patron Saint of France?
43 Inlet.
44 Deity.
45 Tenants under a lease.
46 Morinian dye.
47 To repudiate formally.
50 To count a second time.

Vertical.

1 Italian river.
2 True olive.
3 Edge.
4 Toward.
5 Tiny particle.

Yesterday's Solution.

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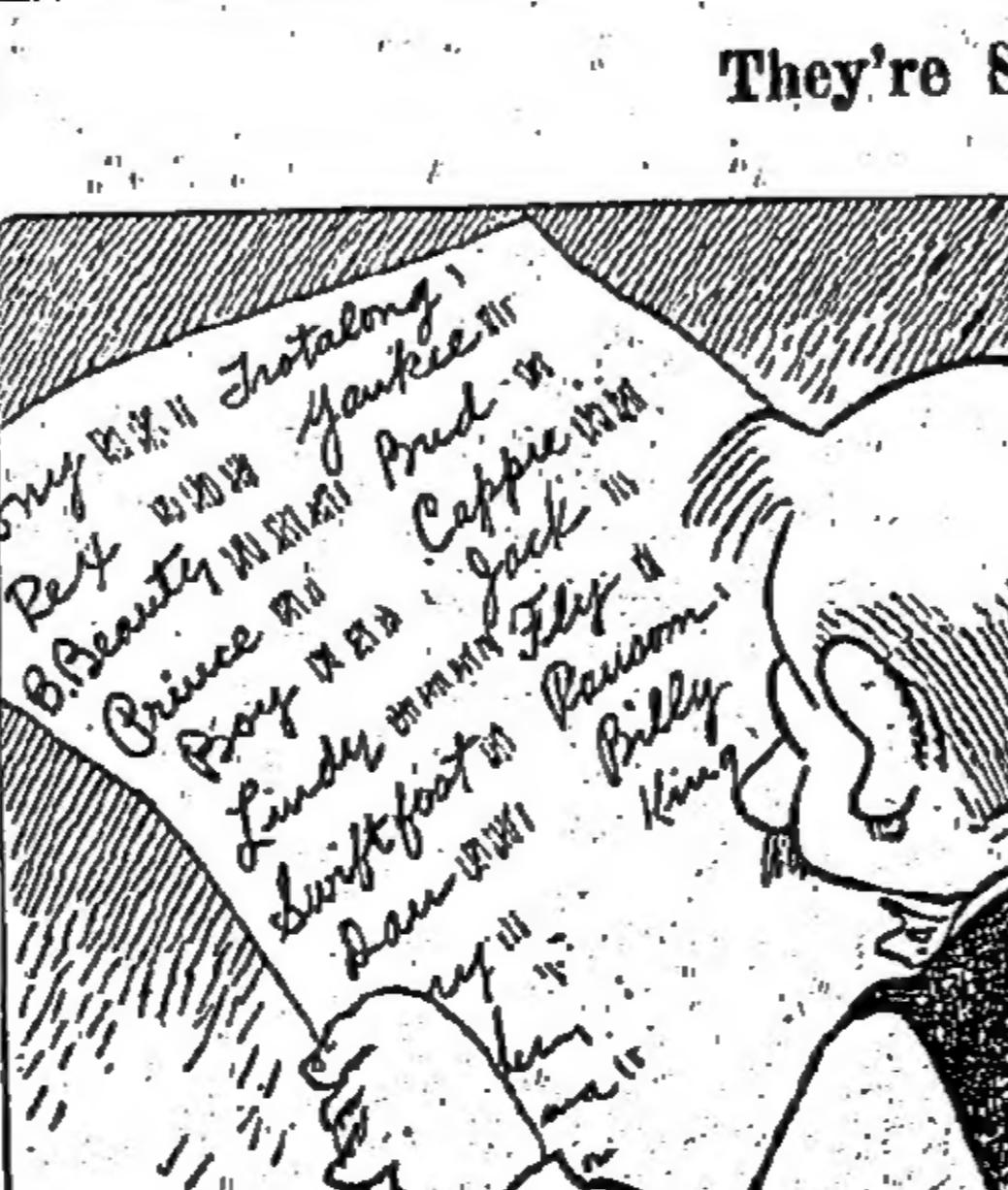
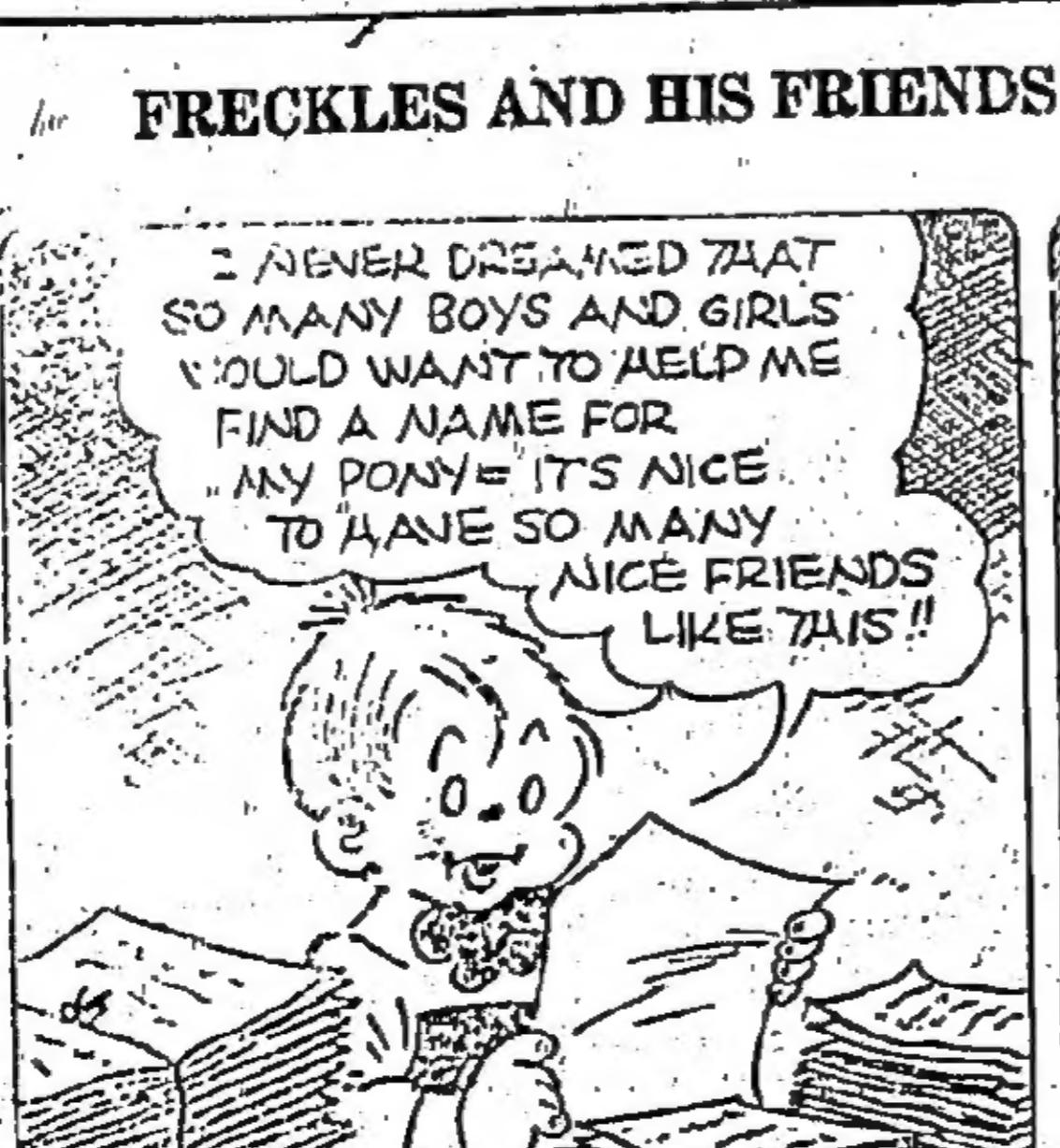
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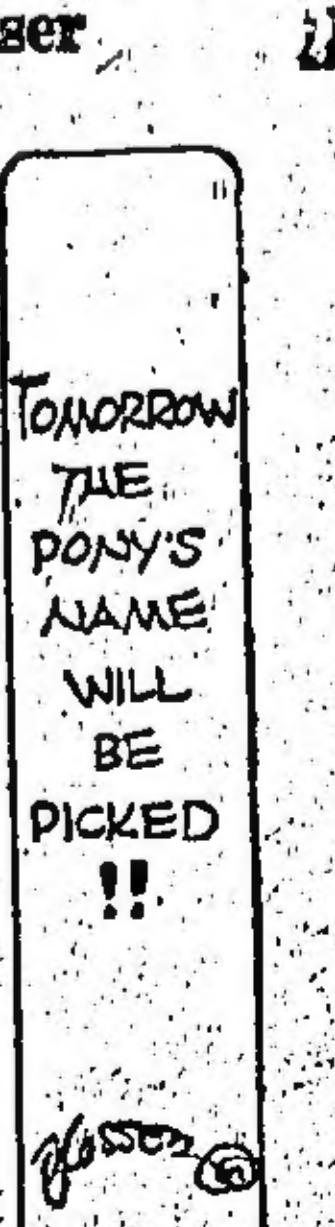
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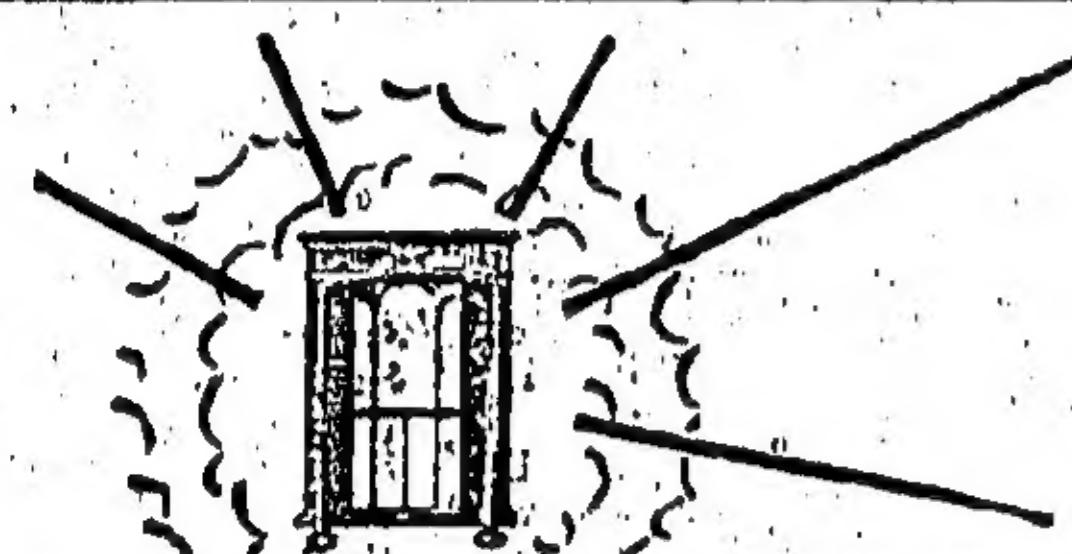
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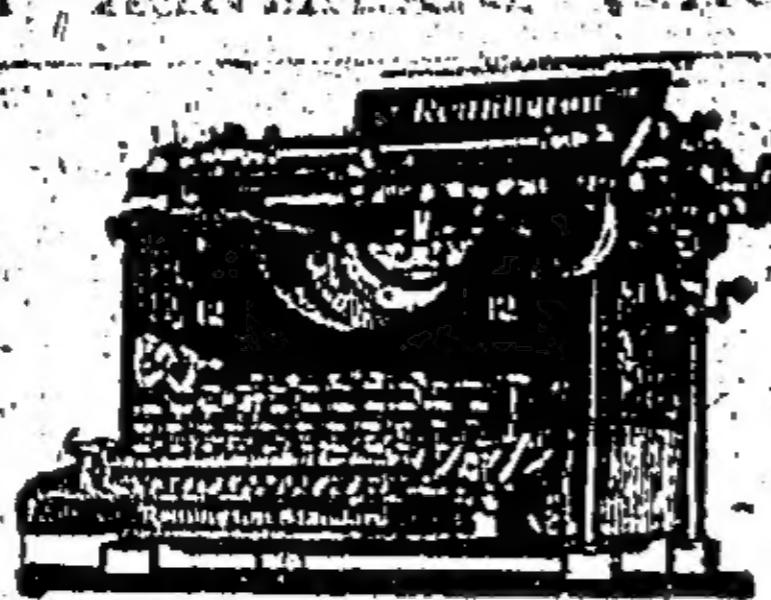
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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7, 1927.

CHINA AND THE
SOVIET.

From the fact that the author of the suggestion is one of the "big men" in the Nanking Government, the proposal by General Li Tsung-yan that China should break off relations with the Soviet is of more than passing interest. General Li belongs to the Kwangsi faction and during the Southern expedition against the North his troops won considerable fame for themselves. Latterly, he has figured prominently in the new Nanking administration, subsequent to the important part which his troops took in the expedition against the Wuhan armies. He is, of course, a close ally of General Li Chai-sum and is regarded as Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's foremost military rival.

The suggestion which this Nanking General has now put forward is one which will commend itself to all who wish to see China freed from the activities of Soviet propagandists. His idea is that relations with Russia should be broken off until Moscow's campaign in China is definitely terminated, and that in the meantime all Soviet Consulates should be abolished. In other words, General Li wants China to do what a number of other countries have done—make it clear to the Soviet leaders that interference in the internal politics of the nation will not be tolerated. We all know of the recent activities of the Soviet Consulate in Shanghai in connexion with the fomentation of strikes, and Hongkong is not likely soon to forget the part which Canton's Soviet played in the serious crisis through which the Colony passed two years ago. It is common knowledge, also, that the Russians have for some years been providing various military factions in China with war material and financial support.

Only a few days ago, Mr. Tsu Niang-nyi, one of the members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, declared that the monthly sum remitted by Moscow to Shanghai Communists alone was \$400,000, and his death probably occurred following the operation.

The Soviet has been doing in China what it has attempted to do in many other countries. Happily, Britain and several other nations as well have perceived the possible consequences of this Communist penetration and have taken special measures to prevent it as far as possible. For a time, the Russians had matters pretty much their own way in China, but at long last the Chinese are tiring of Soviet plans of domination.

It is something gained that a military leader like General Li Tsung-yan should come forward with the proposal which he has just made—a proposal by the way, which closely coincides with British policy regarding Soviet propaganda. A couple of years ago, such a suggestion would never have been put forward; which at any rate serves to show that some progress is being made towards the dissemination of healthier political ideas in China. Soviet intrigue represents a worse evil than any "imperialism" ever dreamed of. And that fact is apparently at last being realised by many of China's military and political leaders.

A vernacular report says that yesterday, when the s.s. Haiphong left for Swatow she had on board ten former Canton Government officials, believed to be followers of General Li Chai-sum, bound for Swatow.

The opening to-day of the New Territories Agricultural Show marks the culmination of one of the dreams of earlier pioneers in the development of the areas on the Peninsula, and the fruition of the efforts of an energetic band of workers in the cause. Despite handicaps, and a certain amount of public apathy, the men who have consistently maintained that much good, practically speaking, can come out of the New Territories, have persevered to the attainment of a representative exhibition of agricultural and other farm products, which should be an encouragement towards more extensive agricultural effort and better produce in the future. For some months there has been a great deal of labour going on behind the scenes. Fertilisers have been tested, the Chinese farmers have been interested in the idea of more production for the same surface of land, and the introduction of modern methods is being successfully urged. The products on show to-day are a result of much intensive effort, and reflect credit on both growers and sponsors. It may be but a small beginning, but it is a earnest of better progress in the provision of vegetables, fruit, and farm produce generally. There are those who do not think anything big can ever be done in the New Territories in the way of agriculture, owing to the unsuitable nature of large tracts of available land. There are others who contend that it merely requires consistent effort to achieve striking success. The show now being staged certainly appears to bear out the latter school of argument. The day may never arrive when our mainland will be able to meet all this Colony's marketing requirements, but there is no reason why, with the keen workers we have among our community, there should not be a far greater share of the produce consumed by our population taken from the New Territories than at present. Those who are working towards that end deserve the thanks of their fellow citizens of Hongkong.

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The rainy weather which the Colony is experiencing to-day is no doubt due to the typhoon which the Royal Observatory reports to be about 300 miles east of Cochin China. It is moving westward.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the northern portion of the China Sea, with cyclonic gales over the south-western portion.

The local forecast up to noon tomorrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; overcast, drizzle or mist.

His many friends in China will be grieved to learn that news has been received by the Glen Line Eastern Agencies, Ltd., of the death of Capt. H. J. Henderson, late captain of the ship Gleniffer, which took place about a month ago in a Nursing Home in London. Capt. Henderson's health had not been good for some time and it was known that he intended to make one trip with his ship in order to undergo an operation, and his death probably occurred following the operation.

DAY BY DAY.

EMPLOYMENT IS NATURE'S PHYSICIAN, AND IS ESSENTIAL TO HUMAN HAPPINESS.—Galen.

The only report of notifiable disease yesterday was one Portuguese case of diphtheria.

The P. and O. s.s. *Kashmir*, from Hongkong, arrived at London on 6th December at 5 a.m.

The P. and O. liner *Mauritius* left Shanghai at 1 p.m. yesterday, and is due here at 8 a.m. on Friday.

The Empress of Asia, which left Hongkong on the 16th November, arrived at Vancouver on the 6th December.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 18 departures, leaving 64 vessels in harbour, British 25.

The master of a rice shop in Bowring Street, Yaumatei, was fined \$20 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for using a measure which was 34 per cent against the purchaser.

A vernacular report says that yesterday, when the s.s. *Haiphong* left for Swatow she had on board ten former Canton Government officials, believed to be followers of General Li Chai-sum, bound for Swatow.

A summons for assault taken out by a Chinese pantry boy of the s.s. *Ching*, against the second officer, Mr. N. M. McIlson, was mentioned at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The case was settled out of Court, and the summons was withdrawn.

Before Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, Miss Rose Wong, 4, Robinson Road, was fined \$4 for allowing her dog to be abroad without a muzzle or without having a lead attached. Sergeant F. Kelly prosecuted.

An enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended the opening dance of the season, organised in connexion with St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, at Lane Crawford's restaurant last night. Popular music was provided by the orchestra of the *Titania* Melodians.

The officers of St. Andrew's Troop of Boy Scouts, (2nd Hongkong) report that a sum of \$162.75 was made at the Charity Concert held on November 19, in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, and that it has been forwarded to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, for whose benefit the concert was organised.

The Helena May is giving a Concert on Thursday, 15th December at 5.30 p.m. A double quartette will sing the "Alice in Wonderland" music by Liza Lehmann and Christmas Carols. Mrs. Hargreaves-Browne will play. Tickets to be had at the Secretary's office. Tea may be had from 4 p.m. onwards. —Advt.

Gloria Swanson's entertaining comedy drama, "Manhandled" will be screened in the Star Theatre for the last time this evening. The famous star appears in "Manhandled" as a comedienne, and the picture is a delightful one in every respect. Performances are from 5.15 to 8.45 continuous and again at 9.20.

Two automatic pistols were found unclaimed on board the s.s. *Siberia Maru* on her arrival from the North on Monday last, and at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Mr. W. Schofield made an order for their confiscation. It was stated by a Chinese detective that the pistols were concealed in a tea basket, and left on the deck at the bow of the ship.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern were among the passengers who left the Colony this morning for Home on the H.M.S. Empress of Canada. Other prominent residents leaving were Mr. C. Champkin, Capt. H. Fogg, Mr. C. Thwaites, Mr. J. F. Miller, and Mr. J. Coulthart. Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, Shanghai's cricket skipper, was a passenger to the Northern port.

Crowded houses greeted the first performance of "The Black Pirate," Douglas Fairbanks' great adventure film, in full natural colours, which began its final run in Hongkong at the World Theatre yesterday. This magnificent set story will be screened again to-day for the last time, the orchestra playing at the 5.10 and 9.20 performances and a Chinese intermission attending at the 2.30 and the 7.15 performances.

PRETTY KOWLOON
WEDDING.

MR. A. URQUHART AND MISS L. H. PRICE.

The wedding is taking place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon this afternoon of Mr. Alexander Urquhart, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. Urquhart, and Miss Lilian Hannah Price, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Price.

The Rev. W. W. Rogers will be the officiating clergyman, while Mr. R. Baldwin will render appropriate music at the organ. A solo, "Still as the Night," will be sung by Mrs. Sanger, accompanied by Mr. J. Braga on the violin.

Charmingly attired in a dress of white chrysanthemum-trimmed with orange blossoms and a white embroidered veil, and carrying a sheaf bouquet of white chrysanthemums and maiden hair fern, the bride will be given away by Mr. Starling Jex and will be attended by the Misses L. Ferguson, D. Brachstone, Z. Jex (niece) and D. Faulkner as bridesmaids, with Miss T. Jex as flower girl.

The dresses of Miss Ferguson and Miss Brachstone will be of pink taffeta with hats to match, while Miss Z. Jex and Miss Faulkner will wear blue taffeta and Miss T. Jex mauve taffeta.

The bridesmaids' bouquets will be of golden chrysanthemums, maiden hair fern and pink dahlias, the flower girl carrying a basket of pink roses.

Mr. J. C. Ferguson will discharge the duties of best man with Messrs. F. C. Fincher, G. E. L. Johnson, R. E. Slattery and W. G. Urquhart as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall. The bride's going away dress will be of black and white satin ensemble with hat to match. The honeymoon is to be spent at Repulse Bay.

Among the many handsome presents received was a silver cigarette box from No. 2 Platoon, Hongkong V. D. C., and a dinner Goblet from the Diocesan Old Girls' Association.

It was outside a certain Liverpool church. A little crowd of interested women and children were awaiting the advent of the newly-married couple, and were discussing other weddings at other churches, some as fine and some not so magnificent. Most of the women appeared to be impressed by the number and size of the motor cars.

One lady, her arms crossed complacently over her broad bosom, observed to her neighbour, in a tone which was tinged with contempt—"Oh! eye! the wedding's nice! They are all right, but the few rules ain't much."

"Why did the Israelites make a golden calf?" was a question put to a little girl. "Because they hadn't as much silver as wad' mak' a coo," she replied.

A curious incident happened at the frontier station of Stoibec, on the Russian-Polish border. A German Communist delegation to the Moscow anniversary celebrations, composed of ex-soldiers, arrived at the station with a large banner bearing Communistic inscriptions embroidered in gold. The Soviet Customs authorities, however, in spite of this delicate compliment to their regime, demanded Customs duty on the banner, and when this was refused promptly confiscated it, much to the chagrin of the delegation.

The youth applying for apprenticeship in the C.A.'s office seemed quite an eligible candidate.

The manager in scanning his various "references" did not, however, seem unduly impressed.

As a matter of fact, too, one was from a Band of Hope, one from a P.S.A. organisation, and two from persons.

"M's, my lad," commented the other, "so far, so good no doubt. But before we discuss anything further would you mind bringing a couple from some folks who see you during the week?"

More than twenty people, most of them children, were injured when a plate-glass window in N. Halbrecht and Sons' draper's shop in Bethnal Green-road, collapsed before the pressure of a crowd which was trying to catch a glimpse of a display of silk stockings on a living model.

The window had its background draped with black, and in the centre was a gilt frame with two holes through which the legs of the mannequin who showed the stockings appeared.

The teacher was giving a lesson to his class of young hopefuls, his subject being the circulation of the blood.

"Now suppose," said he, "I stand on my head—the blood will all flow to my head, won't it?"

"Yes."

"Well, how is it when I'm standing on my feet the blood doesn't all rush in to them?"

Promising Youth: "Cos' you feet isn't empty, sir."

The Very Idea!

The stout lady got on the tramcar and put a parcel of sausages besides her. A young man in plus-fours got in at the next stop and sat down on the edge of the perch.

Turning to him, she said, "Excuse me, but do you play golf?"

The young man, somewhat taken aback, said he did.

"Well, would you mind getting off my links then?" asked the stout lady.

A Kilmarock edition of the poems of Burns is being offered for sale. If the poet had received during his lifetime a fraction of the price this one volume will bring, he would not have had his last moments tortured by the trifling debt he owed.

Man at Willesden: My landlord has been saying insulting things about me. Magistrate: When was that. Man: While I was away at the war, but I have only just heard of it.

Willesden wife: My husband said, "Good-bye for ever," and two hours later he came back for his dinner.

Mr. Rooth, magistrate at Lambeth: I am convinced by my experience on the Bench that a foreigner begins to learn English with swear words.

Nottinghamshire magistrate: Even when you have married a woman she still wants love and cooing.

Wife: My husband says he is tired of married life and wants to live single again. Mr. Luke, magistrate: Well, we cannot change him into a single man here.

An angry old lady in a motor-omnibus noticed that the man nearest to her made no attempt

CHINA POLITICS.

NANKING AND CANTON SQUABBLE.

U. S. POLICY OUTLINED.

Shanghai, Dec. 6. It appears that only eighteen members of the C. E. C. and four of the Central Supervisory Committee, insufficient to form a quorum, attended at Chiang Kai-shek's residence yesterday afternoon, while Tae Yen-kai, Tsai Yu-an-pai, Sun Fo, Chang Ching-kong, Li Chung-jen, Ho Ying-ching, Li Chai-sum, Wu Chao-chu, Wu Tch-chen and Li Shih-kaeng, otherwise the Nanking Nationalist Government with the Kwangsi militaries, held a separate meeting and sent in a joint letter suggesting the postponement of the third preliminary meeting till the 8th inst.

Tsai Yuan-pai yesterday stated that owing to the agreement to abolish the special central committee persons connected with the Nanking Government desired that the personnel of the re-organized government and counsellors be laid down, but it was discovered that this would take some time for discussion and they therefore requested the postponement of the third preliminary meeting.

It is generally believed, however, that further sessions are unlikely. There was no session this afternoon.—*Reuters*.

Nanking's Mandate.

Later.

The Nanking faction of the Kuomintang have held a separate meeting and discussed, *inter alia*, the Canton affair.

They passed a resolution that Generals Chang Fat-kwei and Wang Ki-cheng should be "disciplined," saying that the Nationalist Government having issued a mandate ordering a punitive expedition against them, Wang Shao-hung should be notified to continue his advance from Kwangsi, while Li Chung-ye and Pei Chung-hsi should mobilize and reinforce Wang Shao-hung, so as to settle the Kwangtung situation as early as possible.—*Reuters*.

Nanking Leaders' Meet.

Shanghai, Dec. 7.

The Nanking leaders held another conference in the Southern Garden last evening, when Generals Pei Chung-hsi and Chu Puch, Admiral Yang Shu-cheng and Mr. Wu Chi-fai were present.

The proceedings were kept secret, but it is understood that the chief subject under discussion was the ways and means of dealing with the Canton situation.

It is also understood that the Nankingites have decided to adopt drastic measures against Wang Ching-wei and the "Leftists."

The Nationalist Government in Nanking yesterday issued an order for the arrest of the "Leftists" leaders, including Wang Ching-wei and several of the Canton delegates to the Shanghai Conference.

Nanking will also issue a manifesto enumerating the many "crimes" of the "Red" leaders in Canton, and ask the members of the Party to help to overthrow the "Red" regime now in power in the southern capital.—*Nan Chui Po*.

HANKOW OBSCURITY.

Nothing Moving Yet.

Hankow, Dec. 6.

There is no hint as to the present position between General Chen Chien and General Li Chung-ye, and this renders the situation none the less obscure, but up to the present things are quiet.—*Naval Wireless*.

FEAR AT WUCHOW.

Threat from "Iron-sides."

Wuchow, Dec. 6.

On the appearance in the vicinity of a large body of "Iron-sides" troops, much apprehension is felt in the city, and the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, together with all the principal officers have left, or are on the verge of leaving, the city.

The majority of the Kwangsi forces are rearing up river, and Kwangsi currency has depreciated alarmingly in value in the course of the past 24 hours.

The likelihood of any fighting is slight, but the inhabitants are alarmed and fear that looting will be indulged in by the incoming or outgoing troops, or both.

The river, by Chicken Basket Island has been "mined."—*Naval Wireless*.

AMERICA'S ATTITUDE.

Mr. Coolidge's Declaration.

Washington, Dec. 6.

In the course of his message to Congress, and referring to foreign relations, President Coolidge says:

"The United States is independent and detached. Our charity embraces the earth and our trade is far flung. Our financial favours are widespread, and our

POLISH SUBJECT IN TROUBLE.

WITHOUT A VISA TO HIS PASSPORT.

AN EXPULSION ORDER.

KUOMINTANG REDS.

EXPULSION URGED BY WANG CHING-WEI.

OUTSPOKEN REMARKS.

Declaring that the Communists in the Kuomintang must be eliminated, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Canton leader, in an address delivered at the Shanghai College, raised the question of what was to be done with the Communists after they had been expelled from the Kuomintang.

"In a previous interview I had the pleasure of reporting on the complete process of the Purification of the Kuomintang at Wuhan," Mr. Wang said. "Wuhan being the most difficult and last element in the Kuomintang to be enlisted in the expulsion of the Communists, its move in this direction was the finishing touch of the new unanimous policy of the party."

Making Eggshell Of Party.

The subject of Mr. Wang's address was "After separation with the Communists." Continuing, he said:

"First of all, we must continue to stamp out Communist elements in China. By 'separation with the Communists,' we mean their expulsion from the Kuomintang. But what are we going to do with them after that? From the declaration of the Communist Party of China of July 13 and that of the China Communist Youth Association of July 19, it can be seen that their policy is on the one hand to oppose and embarrass the Nationalist Government and the Provisional Committee, and on the other hand, to try to maintain individual membership in the Kuomintang and later to break it to pieces.

"They want to make an eggshell of the Kuomintang, they themselves being the unbroken chick which will sooner or later break the shell and come out. To this end, many clever plans are in the making, of which the following reports from Moscow and from other sources inside our own territory, are noteworthy:

"That with Mongolia as the basis of action, they are to make a drive through the Northern provinces, where the influence of the Kuomintang is comparatively feeble. In the Southern provinces they find in the Nationalists a deadly opponent in all their activities.

"So the first and most prominent measure for them to take is to undermine the Kuomintang, partly by external opposition, and partly by joining the party and then breaking it from within—for they well know that once the party is broken up it would be a long time before the members could be unified, and in the meantime the different elements would fight with each other until all of them perish.

"So the so-called 'separation with the Communists' is at present only a formulated policy of the Kuomintang, whose full materialization has yet to come. Since the Communists are attempting not only to disintegrate the Kuomintang but also to overthrow the Nationalist Revolution, for which the Kuomintang is shouldering the bulk of responsibility, I appeal to all the citizens of China to come forward and put down Communism.

Purifying The Kuomintang.

"Secondly, we must also re-examine the theories and principles now in circulation in our Party. In our attempt to rid ourselves of Communist associates, we must also sort out their policies and advocating which have in the last few years been gradually instilled into our ranks and files. Many of our people are not able to distinguish them from our own teachings, and what's worse, some of our most faithful and enthusiastic members have grown to be so used to them that they mistake them for the most progressive doctrines of the Party, to which they pledge their allegiance. So an important thing to do is to take stock of the theories and principles underlying the Nationalist Revolution and discard those that came originally from Communism and are not suited to the needs of the revolution. This is not only a matter of policy and expediency, but the leaders owe it to the mass of the populace to give them proper guidance in the recognition of the fundamental principles. If we were content with expelling the Communists and keeping their thoughts and ideals among our ranks, there could never be any true purification of the party."

Black To Three Principles.

A good way to test out whether any principles should be retained or not, Mr. Wang said, is to refer to the Three Principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and there will be a definite answer to the question.

In conclusion, Mr. Wang stated that one important slogan of the Kuomintang is to be constructive.

He asserted that the Kuomintang realized that it has to overthrow militarists, imperialists and now Communists.

The Kuomintang, he declared, must do constructive work so that efforts spent in overthrowing these elements shall not be in vain.

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SHANGHAI SHOOTING AFFAIR.

ACCUSED CORPORAL MAKES STATEMENT.

FREQUENT QUARRELS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 7. Corp. Robertson, of the Scots Guards, was again before the Court this morning, when his statement made at the time of arrest was read. In this, he declared that the deceased "boy" manipulated the gun, and added that the latter was instructed to clean it by Captain Harvey.

Afterwards several reports were heard, but accused did not recollect the subsequent events.

An apartment "boy" this morning testified that there were frequent quarrels between Corp. Robertson and the deceased regarding the consumption of wine.

Captain Harvey testified to the good character of the deceased.

The following, from a Shanghai paper, gives further details of an incident cabled by our correspondent at the time:

Captain D. Harvey, A. P. M., is alleged to have shot and killed the Chinese boy employed in the apartment on Friday morning, between 9.20 and 9.45 o'clock. The weapon was a .38 calibre Colt automatic pistol. Robertson left the apartment in the China United Building, walked to the Arroy Road Gaol, and, as he surrendered, said that he had shot the Chinese in self-defence. It is understood that he made no further statements.

The authorities at the Gaol notified Sizha police station and Det.-Sgt. Grubb went to the scene at once. Nothing was touched, however, until the officers from the Finger Print Department arrived, to photograph the interior of the room and to examine the corpse. A police physician, likewise, attended, and pronounced the man dead.

On beginning their investigation the police found the Chinese near the door to the apartment through which it is believed that Robertson emerged. Because the door swings inward, they have arrived at the conclusion that the servant was not killed instantaneously, but that, after his assailant left the room, he managed to crawl toward the door, and fell dead just inside. He evidently attempted to raise himself, and in so doing, pulled on himself a bag of golf clubs.

Deceased lay with his head toward the door, his right hand near his head, and the left hand extended alongside the body. The pistol was found within a few inches of the hand. There were three spent shells not far distant.

Officers are of opinion that a struggle took place before the shooting because several bullet holes were found in opposite corners of the room.

The weapon had not been used for some time and on Thursday night it is known that it was unloaded. The weapon was freshly greased, and the police found a clearly imprinted finger mark upon the left side.

The next man who comes into consideration, in regarding a possible Chiang-Wang alliance, is Chan Ming-shiu, the military chief of Fukien, and an ardent follower of Chiang Kai-shek. Chan may possibly prove another obstacle to the alliance, for it has to be remembered that when Chan Ming-shiu was the director of the Kuomintang Political Department, he bitterly denounced Wang Ching-wei.

Chiang's Ambitions.

When it has been determined whose finger made the imprint, the police believe that they still further will be able to determine how much of a struggle took place.

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After their representatives had seen a private view of the American film The King of Kings, which depicts events from the life of Christ, the London County Council decided to grant the film a licence for public exhibition, and it will probably soon be shown for a season at a Central London theatre. The only condition made is that no other picture shall be shown with it. The King of Kings was made by Mr. Cecil B. de Mille at a cost of nearly £500,000, and contains a large company, the part of Christ being played by Mr. H. B. Warner, the English actor. The film has already been shown in the United States with success.

The public mind is not yet resolved on the best pattern for an omnibus, says a London paper.

Some welcome the shelter provided by the covered tops; others object that they keep out fresh air.

It is therefore with mixed feelings that people will read the London General Omnibus Company's programme for the winter; or at least the part of it which says that of the 4,000 omnibuses in service during the coming months, a much greater proportion than last year will have covered tops. Forty-five country omnibus routes which have been operated during the summer at week-ends and six daily country routes are now withdrawn. Seventeen other country routes, operated on week-days during the summer, are being run on Sundays only.

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Ground Floor.

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A small fire broke out yesterday afternoon at the ground floor of No. 43, Gilman Bazaar, a lane opposite the Buckley Company at Des Voeux Road Central. A leakage in the gas fittings in the premises was accidentally set alight and an alarm was immediately sent to the Fire Brigade, which arrived at the scene promptly. The leak in the pipe was repaired and the damage done was assessed at a few dollars.

THE SIPPING MEN AT WORK.

BRITISH BEER ON ITS TRIAL

London, Nov. 2.

Yesterday was the opening at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, N., of the annual Brewers' Exhibition. (United States papers please copy.)

It is a fine exhibition, full of the most recent devices of the trade, which give it, indeed, the look which all exhibitions of everything seem to wear nowadays. The stalls are filled with masses of machinery, so admirably intricate that anything might happen when they are set in motion, and textiles, tools, or toffee indifferently spring from them.

In the present case they are chiefly bottling machines, and if there is any thirst in the country which can compete with them it must be a miraculous one.

It is in the annexe hall that the exhibition takes on a good, homely look of primeval beer. Here behind two vast counters forming two sides of a rectangle, are stacked cask upon cask of the encouraging fluid. These must be at least two hundred of them, all ranged there for the competition between brews. Judges were busy yesterday tasting the competitors, so to speak.

Anonymous Casks

The barrels are all strictly anonymous, covered at the ends with circles of brown paper, upon which numbers are chalked. The judges write down in chalk upon a table whereupon attendants draw seven glasses and place them upon the given numbers.

The judges sip from the glasses and then, as they say in really polite circles, regurgitate upon the floor. Sometimes a second sip is needed, and there are dishes with small pieces of cheese, which the judges nibble between sips to clear their palates.

At the end of the judging a certain number of bottles filled from the preferred casks were taken by the judges to a final court of appeal, which they hold in some upper recess of the hall, and from them the prize brews will be selected by to-morrow.

Froth.

Various points influence the judges. Colour is one; the perfect beer must be of a bright brown amber. Froth, all blowing and glowing, is another; the glasses are filled at a distance of about a foot from the spigot, so that the froth has a full chance to manifest itself. What is sought in froth is clarity—a good vintner's word, anyhow.

SOME "TAILS BY A CAT."

THE PRINCE'S HAPPY HOME.

London, Nov. 7.

A tone of simplicity dominates the alterations in Marlborough House, which is expected to be ready, as the residence of the Prince of Wales, by Christmas.

The smoking-room has been left as King Edward jokingly arranged it. Thousands of dummy books line the walls, completely hiding the doors. They all have faked titles, such as "Nine Tails, by a Cat." The books concealing the doorway contain clues such as "The Passage Out."

The Prince insisted that the rooms should remain much as they were in Queen Alexandra's days, though he welcomed installations such as central heating.

His grandmother's pets' cemetery, of nine tombstones, including "My Darling Togo, my constant companion for 12 years," remains carefully tended, and is visible from the bedroom windows.

The study contains secret cupboards filled with private memoranda.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 10th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks' August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 10th:—

ENGLISH CUP.

Bradford City v	Rotherham U.
Crewe v	Stockport.
Darlington v	Rochedale.
Tranmere R. v	Halifax T.
New Brighton v	Rhyl.
Bournemouth v	Bristol R.
Gillingham v	Southend U.
Luton v	Norwich C.
Swindon v	Crystal Palace.
Peterborough v	Aldershot T.
Northampton v	Brighton.
London Caledonians v	Bath C.

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SHANGHAI PLAN.

TO REWARD BRAVE POLICE.

AID BANDIT VICTIMS.

The Allied Merchants of Shanghai have addressed the following communication to the Press:

No good work can be done without the necessary funds to meet the high costs pertaining in all lines of life these days. It is, therefore, most important that those who have the organization of methods to cope with kidnapping and armed robbery should have sufficient funds in hand to mete out rewards to those assisting in bringing such nefarious characters to justice.

It must be apparent to everyone that the greatest menace to life, property and industrialism in China to-day are organized kidnapping, banditry, armed robbery and the intimidating armed robber.

They menace everyone, and the life of the richest and poorest is equally held in contempt by these nefarious rascals, who would enrich themselves by threats and acts of violence.

Who Suffers Most?

This terrible menace can only be combated by co-operation on the part of all. In these dangers, each person has a duty towards his fellows, particularly towards those who are in the greatest danger of being shot, killed, or wounded by these criminal bands of society. Those who cannot give physical, intellectual, or informative assistance to the police can greatly assist by contributing, in accordance with their means, to an organized fund which would be used to stimulate in various ways the apprehension and bringing to justice of those who make a practice of these outrages against society. Who is it that runs the greatest risks of injury, if not death, at the hands of these criminals? Certainly not the kidnapped person, since there is no money procurable from a dead body and it is the money the criminals want. The columns of the Shanghai papers will clear any doubt upon the subject. It is the police and their assistants. At all times, day or night these brave men in the Settlements, in the French Concession and in outlying areas, called Greater Shanghai, are called upon to risk their lives in attempts to cope with armed robbers, kidnapping and labour agitation, murders and in the general protection of various members of the community against outrages with violence.

As above stated, those who see the advisability of contributing to such a safety and anti-kidnapping insurance fund can pay the amount they wish to contribute into the Shanghai Municipal Savings Bank Anti-Kidnapping Fund Department, obtaining at the time of deposit a particular number in exchange for the amount contributed. The Municipal Savings Bank will subsequently acknowledge in the Municipal Gazette and through it in the local press the various numbers and amounts contributed without disclosing their identity to evily disposed persons.

More Than Words Required.

We, members of the Shanghai Community who get all possible protection from the police, give any amount of verbal recognition of their courage under the greatest danger to their lives and persons. Is, however, verbal recognition really sufficient recognition? Are we doing everything to encourage this sacrifice on the part of the police and their assistants at the call of duty? Are those who continually risk their lives in the protection of their fellows not deserving of some greater reward, than everyday lip and press praising of their bravery? Is it not time that something more substantial in the way of rewards for bravery and rewards for successful prosecution of duty in running down gunmen and kidnappers were done for those brave men functioning in and round Shanghai as police, both in the Chinese and foreign branches of these services?

If the police, as our employees, owe us certain duties in the protection accorded to us as their employers; then as their employers, we owe these men, our employees, special rewards for special risks taken by them for our protection. Admittedly the Council do their utmost to compensate police of all grades, who may be injured in the discharge of dangerous duties, and compensate, to a certain extent, the families of those who may be killed in the discharge of such duties. The funds of the Councils in the foreign Concessions and the French Settlement are limited and in these days of continuous rise in cost of every form of living the compensation, which it is in the power of their Council to give, for such self-sacrifice is by no means in keeping with the risks taken.

Every dollar that goes into the hands of the kidnappers or armed robbers tends to the strengthening and increasing the organization of these outlaws; whereas, every dollar which we urge should be placed in a fund to reward those who bring about their apprehension and conviction must tend towards making the lives and properties of those contributing towards such rewards much safer.

Insurance Against Capture.

Those who risk capture by kidnappers would do well to insure

against such risk by contributing according to their means to a fund which we merchants are endeavouring to place in the hands of the Municipal Council, supported by an advisory committee of Chinese and foreign merchants, who would superintend the distribution of the rewards as follows:

1.—In the case of apprehension and conviction of kidnappers armed robbers and those threatening the lives of workers, to each of those participating in or leading to the capture of such offenders a suitable monetary reward;

2.—In the case any one associated with such capture receives bodily injury, proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to be inflicted whilst apprehending, attempting to apprehend or in the tracing of one of these criminals a monetary reward commensurate with the gravity of the injury received;

3.—In the case of any policeman, detective or assistant being proved to have been killed in the attempt to apprehend or lead to the apprehension of this class of criminal or criminals to the satisfaction of the Council concerned and the advisory committee, a very substantial monetary compensation to the family of the deceased.

Deposit In Savings Bank.

The kidnappers and armed robbers stop at nothing to gain their objects. People are kidnapped in the Settlement and brought to the French Concession or those regions of Chinese territory called "Greater Shanghai" and there held in captivity and as frequently the reverse is the case. Consequently, there must be co-ordination in the methods of suppressing the evil and there is nothing that could produce this result as thoroughly as the co-ordination in the system of rewards following conviction of the outlaws. Those who can afford it, and are therefore the subjects of the attention of the organized kidnappers and organized armed robbers, should not quibble about the few dollars or the few thousand dollars which they can contribute to such an anti-kidnapping or anti-armed robber fund, in the way of insurance. They must be very careful in guarding against evily disposed persons, who may parade as representatives of such fund collection, by depositing themselves, or through some trusted person, such money as they intend to subscribe with the Municipal Savings Bank in a special account kept for the purpose. They would be assured of the correct allocation of rewards to Settlement Police, French Concession Police and Greater Shanghai Police through the medium of the Chinese Merchant Committee operating with the two Municipal Council authorities.

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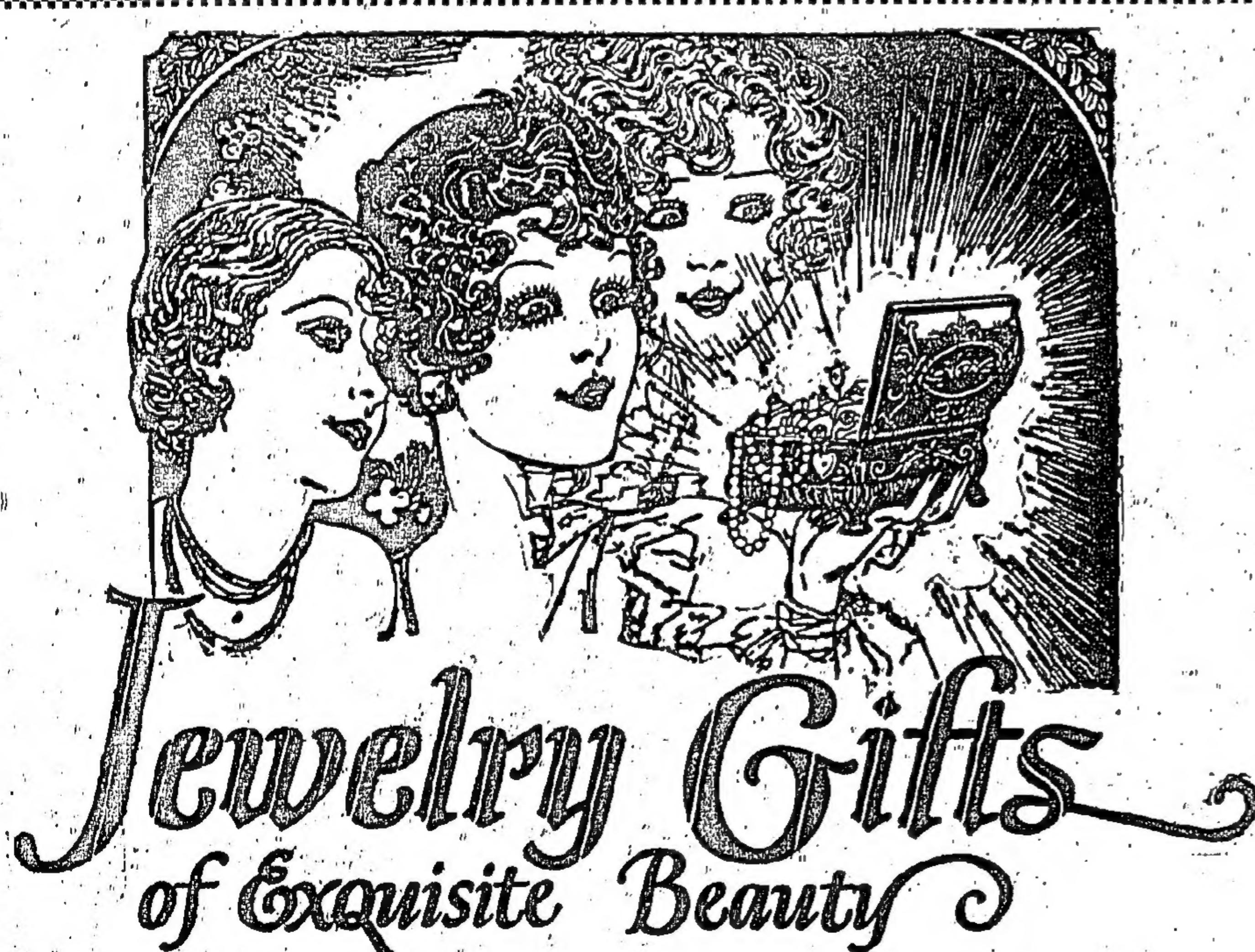
Worth-While Result Seen.

We contributing Chinese merchants are convinced that by following our lead in the building up of a large fund, there will be a very rapid diminution in the risks run generally by merchants and industrialists in the risks of kidnapping and armed robbery as well as in armed intimidation of peaceable industrial workers. We, therefore, urge our co-industrialists and fellow merchants to support to the limits of their capacity the fund we are now organizing for their self-protection.

The funds though paid into the Municipal Savings Bank by the depositors will not be left lying idle there, but will be invested by the Municipal Council under the advice of the Merchant's Advisory Committee in such manner as they consider will swell the funds so as to increase them, with the minimum of risk, to amounts adequate to meet all rewards earned under the conditions of subscription. Any person so desiring may arrange through their own bank for the contribution of amount they desire to be held in that bank at the disposal of the Municipal Council and the Merchant's Advisory Committee, with a stipulation that the Bank and the amount be notified to the special department of the Municipal Savings Bank. The fund is now open and we trust our fellow merchants will not be slow in contributing so that all may see the urgency of preventing kidnapping and armed robberies.

In this matter it must be realized that the Municipal Council only act as trustees of the fund on behalf of the subscribers.

Passengers arriving in Hongkong on the s.s. St. Albans included Mr. W. Dixon, Mr. J. B. Logan, Mrs. McArthur, Mr. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nelson, Mr. McAlister, Mr. K. Lines and Mrs. E. Austin.



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RICHARDS WINS.

TENNIS EXHIBITION MATCHES IN MANILA.

Richards won his match with Francisco Aragon at the Manila Tennis Club on Nov. 28, after the Philippine champion had taken the first set, and had given the visiting professional a fairly strong bid for the last. The second went to Richards without any difficulty.

Aragon, playing a daring offensive game, took the first chapter, 6-2. His brilliant returns brought repeated bursts of applause, and his playing (general) was of a high order. Richards came back strongly in the second set, winning it 6-1. In the third Aragon played flashy tennis and put up a hard fight, but was outplayed by the professional, who won the set and the match, 6-1.

The Aragon brothers could have won the doubles set, it seemed, had they concentrated their attack on Barro. As it was they chose to play Richards as the strongest member of the team, and dropped the only set at the light permitted, 4 and 6.

Dazzling Attack.

Lope Engkyo, 1927 city singles champion, was the second of the Manila stars to fall before the dazzling attack of Vincent Richards. Richards again demonstrated his unquestioned superiority in all departments of the game, covering an unbelievable amount of territory, and taking returns and placements that caught the audience to its feet time and again.

Engkyo made a creditable showing and played his hardest, but best he could do was to take advantage of a moment of relaxation on the part of Richards, and win the second set, 6-3. Richards secured the other two, 6-4 and 6-1.

Paired with M. Sanchez, Richards entered Gavita and Dr. V. Japson in a set of doubles, 6-1. The second was stopped at 2-1, in favour of Tondo players.

Vincent Richards without difficulty won a set of Maximo Sanchez, winning in straight sets, 6-2, and 6-3. Sanchez played his best game, but best was just a little too weak for the marvellous play of the professional.

In the doubles, Richards, paired with Sanchez, defeated Dr. V. Japson and Martin Gavita, 6-2, and 6-1.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR WEEK-END MATCHES.

The following will represent the University Past and Present at 10 a.m. on Sunday, against the Combined League at Pokfulum.—A. Ramjahn (Capt.), Ng Sze Kwong, I. Ramjahn (Capt.), Ng Sze Kwong, G. A. V. Hall, S. V. Sling, J. Zimmern, E. A. Lee, W. Yeoh, S. H. Hachimura, C. W. Lam, P. Gutter.

The following will represent the K. University 2nd XI against the de Reorio on Saturday, at 2 sharp at Pokfulum.—F. Hiptoola (Capt.), A. Baker, H. T. Burma, S. Mani, A. B. Suleiman, N. P. Junjia, B. H. Shroter, A. A. Aziz, I. Yeoh, F. Hoshimi, A. Chan Fook.

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UNDER RECALLED.

MRS. TANG TSANG-CHI'S FORTUNE.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$200 was left by Mrs. Tang Tsang-chi, who was suffocated to death by robbers at her house, No. 15, Seymour Terrace, in the early hours of the morning of July 9. It will be recalled that robbers gained entry to the house and entered a bedroom. There were three robbers, despite her 70 years she fought and her assailants fled. A towel was used to bind and gag her, and she was tied so tightly mouth and nose that she died to death. Although suspects were made no charge was preferred against the robbers, as they had escaped.

It has been granted to Chau Queen's Road West, mercantile Tang Wanshi, widow, Mantin, student, both residing at No. 5 Seymour Street, is entitled to grant to Tang Man-chi, executrix, named in his attaining the age of 60. The terms of the will are of a fund for worshipping the will adds "After my will, no member of my family will be allowed to raise

ELECTROCUTED.

PLASTER KILLED IN BANK BUILDING.

A Chinese workman was electrocuted at the basement of the Chartered Bank building at 111 Queen's Road yesterday and one of his fellow workmen had a narrow escape.

It would appear from the accounts gathered that one of the Chartered Bank's vaults was being lined with cement concrete and about fifteen labourers were employed at the work. Exactly how the unfortunate man was electrocuted is not definitely established but it is believed that he carried an electric wire into the vault and probably through contact with the wet cement received a severe shock.

At 1.45 p.m. the people in the basement heard a cry of distress and a number of men proceeded to the vault to see what was amiss. They saw two men apparently electrocuted and a message was immediately sent to the Electric Company. The current was switched off and first aid was rendered to the two workmen, one of whom recovered in about ten minutes.

The other man showed no signs of coming round. Medical assistance was sent for, but no doctor arrived on the scene. The man was carried to the entrance of the basement and a large crowd gathered in the lane running between the Chartered Bank and the Banque Industrielle de Chine. The black box arrived at 2.25 p.m. and carried the body to the Public Mortuary.

SPEED CONTEST.

NAPIER ENGINE IN AMERICAN RACE.

London, Dec. 6.

It is reported that the Air Ministry has granted permission for Captain Malcolm Campbell, a private racing motorist, who has entered his motorcar for the February international speed contest at Daytona Beach, Florida, to use an engine of the type that gained the Schneider Seaplane Trophy at Venice for Britain in September.

The Daily Mail says that the details of the 350 h.p. Napier engine, which has been modified for fitting in a motorcar chassis are withheld, as it is still on the Air Ministry's secret list. It is understood that at least four American cars and one French car will participate in the contest. Captain Campbell's car is of all British design and manufacture.—British Wireless.

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**SENTENCE AGAINST BOAT
MASTERED CONFIRMED.**

A previous decision was confirmed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday in respect of the master of a fishing boat who was fined \$40,000, with the alternative of twelve months' hard labour in default on being convicted on a charge of having in his possession on board his fishing boat 500 taels of prepared non-Government opium.

Mr. G. R. Sayer appeared for the prosecution and Mr. A. E. Hall defended.

On the case being resumed yesterday, Mr. Hall again submitted that the statements made by the defendants to the revenue officers on the sampan at the time of the arrest were not admissible as evidence, as the defendants had not been cautioned by the officers.

The statements, which were to the effect the parcel retrieved from the harbour was the same one as that which had been thrown overboard by the first defendant, were admitted by his Worship, who pointed out that the criterion was not whether the men were under arrest, but whether the officers had then made up their minds to charge the defendants with any specific offence.

Mr. Hall submitted that as they were in custody they could not be questioned by the officers without being duly cautioned.

His Worship ruled against Mr. Hall.

The first defendant was then called to give evidence and he said that the second and third defendants were his fokis. Witness denied that any parcel had been thrown overboard from his sampan. When asked if he had any contraband on board he informed the officers that he had not. Witness further denied ownership of the parcel when it was brought up from the bottom of the harbour.

Meaning of "Foki."

Mr. Hall then asked for the discharge of the second and third defendants, as they were only fokis.

Mr. Sayer asked his Worship not to be mesmerised by the word "foki" which he submitted was used in the sense of an abettor, accomplice or conspirator. Mr. Sayer submitted that the second and third defendants were equally guilty and remarked that his Department was not satisfied with the conviction of one man.

His Worship intimated to Mr. Sayer that if his Department wished to charge fokis they should have charged them with aiding and abetting. There was no evidence to show that they knew of the presence of the opium on board. They should either have been charged with aiding and abetting or guilty knowledge should have been proved.

Mr. Sayer: If it is a question of informality by us charging them with possession of the opium instead of aiding and abetting, I still submit that the Court should support us in such a serious case as this.

After further argument the second and third defendants were discharged.

Mr. Hall then addressed the Court on behalf of the first defendant, submitting that the case for the prosecution was weak and incomplete. He did not suggest that it was a case of manufactured evidence but one of mistaken identity.

Mr. Hall further submitted that the prosecution had failed to prove that the parcel found was the identical one to that thrown overboard.

Allegations of Assault.

His Worship pointed out that the missing link was supplied by the defendant's statement which he had accepted as evidence. The first accused would be convicted on the charge.

Before sentence was imposed Mr. Sayer said that certain charges of serious impropriety had been made against his Department.

It was pointed out by His Worship that the allegations of assault had been made by Mr. Lo, who made the original application, and who left by Mr. Hall.

Mr. Sayer said that Mr. Hall took up the case from where it was left by Mr. Lo.

Mr. Hall replied that he made no allegations against Mr. Sayer's Department.

Mr. Sayer said that when Mr. Hall came into the case he said that he was applying for a re-hearing on the same grounds as Mr. Lo and the allegations made against his Department were not withdrawn.

Mr. Hall replied that he had not cross-examined the witnesses on the matter of assault, which showed that he made no allegations.

The matter was then dropped.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

**INDIAN CHAUFFEUR
CHARGED.**

At the Central Police Court, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, yesterday afternoon, Sandi Khan, the driver of Mr. C. Bernard Brown's car No. 1965, was charged on remand, with manslaughter in connexion with the death of a Chinese girl in a recent motor accident at Connaught Road West. There were also two other subsidiary counts of refusing to stop when called upon by the police to do so, and of driving in a manner dangerous to the public. To these various charges, the accused pleaded "not guilty" through his solicitor, Mr. Leo d'Almada o Castro, Shr.

The prosecution was conducted by Inspector Alexander of the Traffic Department, with Mr. R. A. Wadson also appearing to watch the case on behalf of the owner of the car.

It was proposed to proceed immediately with the evidence, without the usual opening statement.

Replies to Mr. d'Almada's query, his Worship said that it was merely alleged that the car was being driven at an excessive speed along the Praya westwards, at the time of the accident, and that it ran down certain persons who were walking in the inside of the road.

Drunkenness Not Alleged.

Mr. d'Almada asked if it was alleged also that the defendant was under the influence of drink.

Inspector Alexander: We are not going to say that he was drunk. We will say that he had been drinking.

The first witness called, Inspector Peter Grant, in charge of the West division, said that on a report being made to him of the accident, he went to a garage at No. 485 Queen's Road West. Here, he found defendant, a woman and two other Indians, who emerged from the kitchen at the moment that he pushed open the street door. The defendant had on a driver's uniform cap, and when questioned said that he had, returned from a drive, giving the time of his return as 8 p.m. At witness' instigation, the defendant endeavoured to start the engine with the self-starter, but the engine did not fire. Finally, he came to witness and said that he could not drive the car as there was no water in the radiator.

On a personal examination, witness was able to discern that the body of the car had been knocked out of angle. Both headlights were damaged, the glass of one being smashed and the other cracked, and the supporting frame pushed back. The radiator was pushed out of position, and the bonnet twisted and dented. Both front mudguards were also bent.

Examining the rear of the car, witness also discovered a further dent in the near mudguard. Damage to Car.

The question of damage to the car was one that would be minutely gone into, intimated Inspector Alexander, at this stage of the evidence, as it bore a close relation to the nature of the case.

Questioned by Mr. d'Almada, Inspector Grant said that the damage to the car was consistent with the theory that it was brought about by collision with human beings. It was not compatible with a collision, say with a hard object, or with damage produced through being knocked with a porter's bamboo-pole, as this would have left scratches. Witness' personal view was that the damage was caused through the car knocking down a human being.

Dr. Alexander Cannon, in charge of the Mortuary, described minutely the violent nature and location of the injuries which included fractured and crushed ribs and a ruptured spleen. From the features presented, he visualised the deceased to have been in a standing position, when she was struck in the right side of the back by the car; then carried by the momentum for a little distance, forward and outward, until she fell and was run over by the wheel of the car. A broken forearm suggested the instinctive gesture which a person on being struck would make to save herself from a fall. The cause of death was internal haemorrhage, including that of the heart, and attendant shock.

Evidence of identification of the deceased, who was a young woman of 20, was given by relatives.

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Mr. Hall replied that he had not cross-examined the witnesses on the matter of assault, which showed that he made no allegations.

The hearing was adjourned.

Mr. Sayer asking for the maximum penalty.

The defendant was fined \$60,000 or one year's imprisonment.

It will be remembered, at the original hearing, the first defendant was fined \$40,000, and the second and third \$10,000 each.

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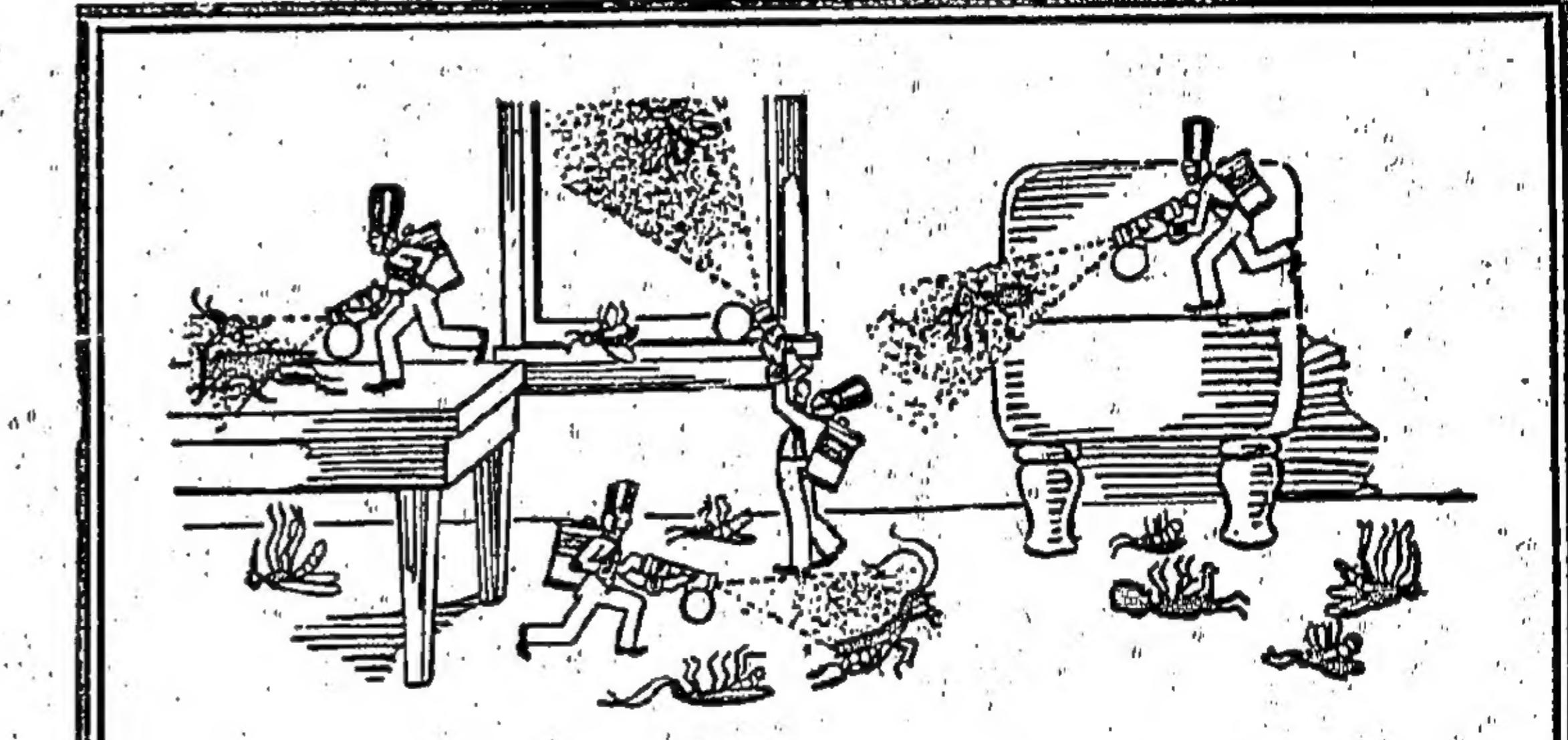
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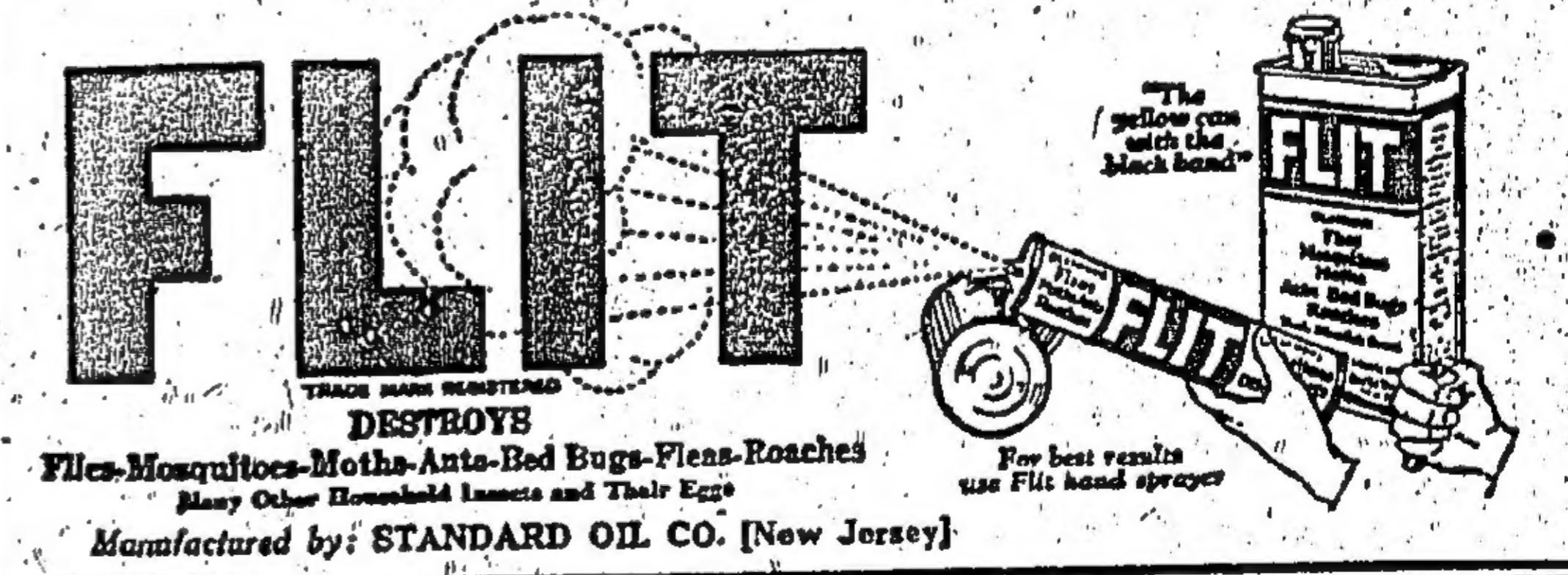
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**REMARKABLE STORY OF
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Stated to be the prime mover of a gigantic conspiracy, Ernest William Tester (50), accountant, was sentenced to four years' penal servitude at the Old Bailey, London, when he pleaded guilty to forging share certificates of the Equitable Trust of London (Limited).

Two other men, Gerald Norman Corbett (38), motor engineer, and John Malcolm Petrie (37), engineer, were found guilty of charges of conspiring together to defraud such persons who might be induced to believe that they were the owners of large blocks of shares in the company. Petrie had obtained £1,000 in the venture, lost her money and subsequently left.

In April last year, with some of the proceeds of his forgeries, he started a company in Ireland called Irish Attractions, Limited, its purpose being to run a big sweepstakes on the Derby, and \$20,000

about £10,000 by fraud, whilst the other two defendants had obtained nearly £12,000 by means of the forged certificates.

Counsel added that a man named Hammond, who had already been sentenced for the part he played in the frauds, was a clerk in the employ of the Equitable Trust, and when inquiries were made by unsuspecting persons regarding the shares on which loans were asked, he would assure them that the defendants had a legal title to the shares. The frauds were brought to light when a final attempt to obtain £25,000 was made.

A Venture in Cairo.

Detective-Inspector Green said that some years ago Tester formed a company to take over Ciro's Club in Cairo. This place was frequented by officers of the forces, but it was largely used for gambling, and after a time Tester left hurriedly. His wife, who had invested £1,000 in the venture, lost her money and subsequently left.

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was offered in prize money. The project was stopped by the police and Tester and the other defendants were arrested. In following June he was released on bail. He went to Leeds, obtained £28,000 from a business firm there and then fled to France. There was no doubt he had been prime mover in these frauds.

Petrie, Inspector Green stated, had been previously convicted of the Old Bailey of fraudulent conversation and at present was serving a sentence of 15 months in Second Division. During the while acting as manager for a company engaged on important work connected with aircraft, he deliberately set the employees to make furniture for his own home, using Government materials. It was estimated that by his action he had robbed the country of some £5,000.

Petrie was said by Inspector Green to have had a hitherto unblemished character. It was believed that in committing offences he had acted under influence of Petrie.

The Common Sergeant declared the forgeries as most dangerous, and said that he regarded Petrie as a most unscrupulous man.

OUR NEW SERIAL

THE HOUSE OF SIN.

By ALLEN UPWARD.
(Author of "The Yellow Hand,"
"The Ordeal of Fire," etc.)

CHAPTER XV.

For some little time Dr. Tarleton sat without speaking, engaged in studying the faces of the two women and trying to analyse the situation in his mind.

The declaration of the Duchess of Altringham's maid that the murdered man had been her lover certainly accounted for some of the most puzzling circumstances in the case. It furnished a sufficient motive for her Grace's action in closing the doors of Trafford House to her relation and breaking off his acquaintance with her step-daughter. And, of course, it explained the actor's secret visits subsequently. But it left untouched the point which Tarleton had put to the Duke. Why had Montacute stooped to such humiliating tactics instead of taking Mademoiselle Pregut into a flat of his own?

A second question raised by this remarkable avowal was why the Duchess had retained Pregut in her service. If her Grace knew and disapproved of the intrigue it would surely be the proper and natural course for her to dismiss the Frenchwoman.

Finally, there remained the real problem which the investigator was there to solve. At whose hands had the erring man met his dreadful punishment?

Mistress and maid had ceased to regard each other, and the faces of both were turned expectantly to Tarleton when he at length opened his lips.

"I am to understand, I suppose, that Montacute came to this house to visit you?" he asked Pregut.

"Yes, monsieur." The Frenchwoman spoke up boldly, without exhibiting any sense of shame.

"Were these visits known to your mistress?"

"Doctor!" The cry of indignation came from the bed.

"But certainly not, monsieur!" echoed the lady's maid.

"You forgot that I had forbidden my cousin the house," protested the invalid.

"True," the doctor assented. "I am only curious to know how your maid came to make this confession to you."

Another swift interchange of glances between the two women.

"I can tell you that, doctor. I noticed that she was very much upset this morning, and knowing that there had formerly been something between her and my unworthy relation, I questioned her on the subject. Then it all came out."

"Thank you, Duchess." The expert turned to Pregut. "And now can you make any suggestion as to how your lover came to be murdered?"

He intended the question as a trap. He had not yet disclosed the fact that the crime had been committed in Trafford House, and he wished to find out if Mademoiselle had any guilty knowledge on the subject. Her answer satisfied him that in this respect, at all events, she was free from suspicion.

"I, monsieur? Alas, no! Is it that the police have made no discovery?"

The investigator was observing the Duchess out of the corner of his eye. It struck him that her Grace was listening anxiously for Pregut's reply to his question, and that she was not less ignorant of the facts in the case.

He decided to administer another shock to them both.

"I am the police, as far as this matter is concerned," he began by reminding them. "I haven't yet told you all. Montacute's body has just been discovered this morning lying in a road at Chiswick. But he was murdered the night before last in Trafford House."

"Oh!"

It was a scream rather than a cry that burst from the invalid's throat. As for the maid, her emotion at the doctor's announcement seemed to be overpowered by anxiety on behalf of her mistress. She darted to her side with a bottle of smelling-salts, and sought to revive her.

Before anyone could speak again there was a tap on the inner door of the room, communicating with the Duke's apartments, and his Grace appeared on the threshold, with alarm depicted on his countenance.

"Amy, what is it?" He was advancing to the bedside when he caught sight of the adviser of the Home Office, and stopped, pausing with wrath.

"Dr. Tarleton! How dare you! What are you doing here?"

The interruption came as a severe disappointment to the investigator. He had hoped to extract admission from the women in their first surprise, but the Duke's intervention would give them time to recover. He felt by no means sure that his Grace of Altringham had not been listening on the other side of the door, and timed his interruption so as to pro-

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among the naval Powers of the world," was the outstanding passage in a speech by Mr. Coolidge when addressing the Republican National Committee.

Referring to his own future, he said that in order to give time for mature deliberation with regard to the nomination of the party's candidate, "I stated on August 2 that I did not choose to run as President in 1928. My statement stands.... my decision must be respected."

He declared that within a few years, the replacement of capital ships must begin, and they should immediately consider a moderate programme of construction of cruisers and submarines, extending over a considerable period of years, not involving competition with other countries, but simply providing for a extensive navy.

The President said that he upheld the protective tariff as a boon to the agricultural and industrial classes, which nevertheless permits two-thirds of the total American imports to enter entirely free.

He concluded by emphasising the country's devotion to peace, "while not entertaining any desire to take charge of civilisation", doubtless in allusion to the security conference proposals.—Reuters' American Service.

CANTON OUTLOOK.

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"You were aware of the principal facts, Duke. And I expect your steward has told you that I consider myself released from any obligation to consider your wishes by your action in disposing of the body."

"I had Sir Charles's permission," returned his Grace. "In fact, it was his idea. It was out of the question to have the inquest here, as you insisted on doing."

Tarleton lifted his eyebrows. At the same time, he was not very much surprised. His experience had taught him that the Home Office was sometimes inclined to avoid publicity in the case of great families. It was evidently desirable for him to walk warily among the pitfalls on either side.

"I may as well tell you," he said to the Duke, "that the body has been identified at Chiswick this morning. As the news will be in all the evening papers, I thought I might come round and break it to the Duchess."

"It was very considerate of Dr. Tarleton," murmured the invalid.

"I feel very much obliged to him. Her husband's face fell at this desertion. "My dear Amy, I wished you to know nothing of this horrible affair," he pleaded. "Why should Dr. Tarleton think it concerned you?"

"Don't be foolish, Henry," his wife returned pettishly. "The doctor knows perfectly well that Edwin was related to me."

"How on earth—"

The investigator thought it time to use plain language.

"The trouble throughout this case, Duke, is that you have not given me your confidence. You concealed from me that the murdered man was a connexion of her Grace, that he had been an admirer of Lady Rosa, that he had been forbidden your house—in short, everything that could throw a light on the crime. You began by asking me, through your steward, to accept the absurd theory that a perfect stranger had broken into your house and dropped dead on the staircase. When I found you were bent on keeping me in the dark I naturally refrained from giving my full confidence to you. As a matter of fact, I discovered that the dead man's name was Dunlop within a few minutes of arriving here. It was, on his arrival."

Mrs. Wang Ching-wei, the wife of the noted Kuomintang "Leftists" leader, arrived at Hongkong yesterday en route to Shanghai. It is learned that she will stay in Hongkong for a few days before leaving for the North.

to take the blame on her own shoulders. This was not a suspicion to be lightly voiced, above all in the Duke's hearing; yet the investigator saw his way to applying a test of the Frenchwoman's truthfulness.

"I have something more to say to you," he said, addressing Pregut. "Shall I go on now, or would you rather I spoke to you by yourself?"

The woman stole a frightened glance at her mistress. The Duchess, who had now fully recovered her self-possession, answered on her maid's behalf.

"As you have made a clean breast of it, Suzanne, there is no need for any more secrecy."

The specialist looked in some doubt towards the Duke, who was listening openmouthed.

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CHINA POLITICS.

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The *Journal of Commerce* draws attention to the Government's complete change of attitude, and expresses the opinion that the bankers themselves may now let the matter drop.—Reuters' American Service.

HANKOW SPLIT.

Opposition to Nanking.

That a split is existing between the Nationalist leaders here and the Provincial Government, apparently backed by the military, is opposing Nanking is without any doubt, says the *Hankow Herald*. The latest trend of events locally indicates that the leaders are divided into two factions, one supporting Nanking and another opposing it. The Provincial Government, of which Mr. Kung Keng is the leading official, has not only rejected the Nanking appointments but also refused to recognise the Commission sent here by the Central Kuomintang for re-organising the Party affairs in Hupeh.

The President said that he upheld the protective tariff as a boon to the agricultural and industrial classes, which nevertheless permits two-thirds of the total American imports to enter entirely free.

He concluded by emphasising the country's devotion to peace, "while not entertaining any desire to take charge of civilisation", doubtless in allusion to the security conference proposals.—Reuters' American Service.

CANTON OUTLOOK.

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That Chiang Kai-shek is an ambitious man and that his desire is to be the Commander-in-Chief of all the Kuomintang armies, is almost beyond doubt. But there are other militarists inside the Kuomintang who are almost as prominent if not more inspiring than Chiang Kai-shek, who ruled Hunan and Hupeh, is in this category, and because of his ambitions Chiang lost no time in scheming for his downfall. Ultimately Tang collapsed, and Chiang's hopes were partially realized; consequently, he returned to China from Japan.

Next to Tang Seng-chi amongst the opponents of Chiang Kai-shek come the "big four" (Generals Li Chai-sum, Pei Chung-hai, Li Chung-yen, and Wang Shao-hung) of the "Kwangai Clique." The fact that each of these four men wields considerable power among the armies of the Kuomintang and that they form a strong federation, no doubt disturbs the plans of Chiang Kai-shek. For the realisation of his scheme to become Commander-in-Chief of the Kuomintang armies, Chiang may join hands with Wang Ching-wei, who is securing the assistance of the "Ironside" so as to expel Kwangsi power from the Kuomintang.

It was very considerate of Dr. Tarleton," murmured the invalid. "I feel very much obliged to him."

Her husband's face fell at this desertion. "My dear Amy, I wished you to know nothing of this horrible affair," he pleaded. "Why should Dr. Tarleton think it concerned you?"

"Don't be foolish, Henry," his wife returned pettishly. "The doctor knows perfectly well that Edwin was related to me."

"How on earth—"

The investigator thought it time to use plain language.

"The trouble throughout this case, Duke, is that you have not given me your confidence. You concealed from me that the murdered man was a connexion of her Grace, that he had been an admirer of Lady Rosa, that he had been forbidden your house—in short, everything that could throw a light on the crime. You began by asking me, through your steward, to accept the absurd theory that a perfect stranger had broken into your house and dropped dead on the staircase. When I found you were bent on keeping me in the dark I naturally refrained from giving my full confidence to you. As a matter of fact, I discovered that the dead man's name was Dunlop within a few minutes of arriving here. It was, on his arrival."

Mrs. Wang Ching-wei, the wife of the noted Kuomintang "Leftists" leader, arrived at Hongkong yesterday en route to Shanghai. It is learned that she will stay in Hongkong for a few days before leaving for the North.

to take the blame on her own shoulders. This was not a suspicion to be lightly voiced, above all in the Duke's hearing; yet the investigator saw his way to applying a test of the Frenchwoman's truthfulness.

"I have something more to say to you," he said, addressing Pregut. "Shall I go on now, or would you rather I spoke to you by yourself?"

The woman stole a frightened glance at her mistress. The Duchess, who had now fully recovered her self-possession, answered on her maid's behalf.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1140 b.
Chartered Bank, £214 b.
Mercantile A. & C., £21 n.
P. and O. £10 n.
East Asia, \$62 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$555 b.
Union Ins., \$293 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$1,20 n.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$635 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$381 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$20 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$170 s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 90/ n.
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$24 n.
Kailan, 63/- n.
Langkawi, Tls. \$181 b.
Shat Exploration, Tls. 2,90 s.
Raubs, \$31 b.
Tronohs, 19/3 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1221 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.
China Providents, \$4 s.
Hongkow, Tls. 157 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 93 s.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.10 b.

Orionals, Tls. 2 n.

Shai Cottons, Tls. 461 X. Div.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$7.15 s.
H. K. Lands, \$58 n.
Shai Lands Tls. 124 b.
Humphreys, \$13.75 b.
Realty, \$7.40 n.
Territorials, \$11 s.

Public Utilities.

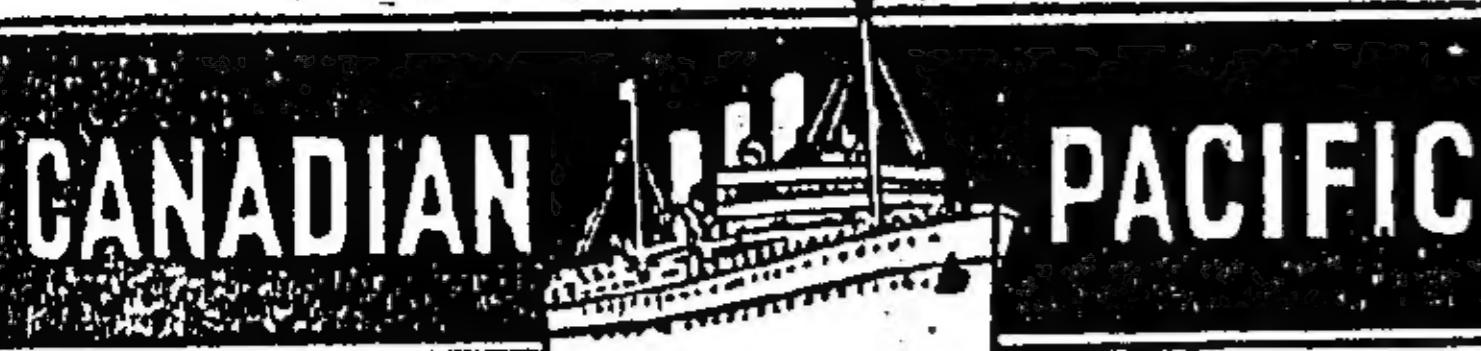
Tramways, \$20.80 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Star Ferries, \$57 s.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$12 s.
H. K. Electric, \$56 b.
Macao Electric, \$44 b.
Telephones \$3.90 b.
China Buses, Tls. 4 s.
Singapore Traction, 12/9 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$13 n.
Malabons, \$30 s.
Canton Ices, \$5 n.
Comets, (Comb.) \$7 s.
Ropes (Old) \$10 n.
United Asbestos \$12 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$15.10 n.
Watsons, \$11 s.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
Lane Crawford, \$5 s.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$81 n.
Wm. Powells, \$5 s.



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WHITE SLAVERY.

LEAGUE COUNCIL'S REPORT.

London, Dec. 6.

On the proposal of Sir Austen Chamberlain the League Council yesterday issued the second part of the report on the White Slave Traffic, a document of 200,000 words, which amplifies the statement and conclusions of the League Committee and the investigations made in part one.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in introducing the question, states that the situation had materially improved in many countries since the investigation was conducted in 1924-25-26. The report in its broad conclusions demonstrates the existence of an organised traffic in girls for immoral purposes from certain European countries, mainly Poland, France and Russia to Latin America and Egypt.

Detailed summaries are given of the result of inquiries in 28 cities, together with the observations of the various governments on the situation disclosed in their respective countries.

The General belief is that the publicity given to the facts about the underground traffic has stimulated the governments into strengthening legislation dealing with it.—British Wireless.

SOLOMAN ISLANDS.

FOURTEEN MORE TRIBESMEN ARRESTED.

Tulagi, Dec. 6.

Fourteen more hill tribesmen were captured on Saturday. All the ringleaders in the recent disturbance are now in custody. Over 70 suspects are awaiting trial in connexion with the murder of two British officers and fifteen native police last October.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF FEODOR SOLOGUB.

Leningrad, Dec. 6.

The death is announced of the writer Feodor Sologub (Feodor Kuzmich Teterikov).—Reuter. [Sologub was born in 1864, and was educated at Petrograd. His publications include "The Old House" (1915) and "The Sweet Scented Name" (1915).]

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE.

LASCARS REMOVE LUGGAGE FROM LINER.

Sydney, Dec. 6.

The ship's lascars removing passengers' luggage from the steamer Malaya occasioned a complaint by the local Secretary of the Waterside Workers Federation that the "White Australia" policy is being violated.—Reuter.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

USE OF ALCOHOL AS A FOOD.

WHEN IT IS BENEFICIAL.

The great difficulty in arriving at any estimate of the actual value of alcohol in the practice of medicine is the fact that scientific opinions seem to be conditioned invariably by sociologic, economic or personal偏見.

In 1925 Dr. Roger I. Lee attempted to evaluate alcohol from the strictly pharmacologic and therapeutic points of view. In other words, he was concerned wholly with the effects of alcohol on the various parts of the body and its use in the treatment of disease.

Before the advent of modern scientific pharmacology, alcohol was much used in the treatment of acute infectious disease. Many practitioners of long experience insisted that the moderate use of alcohol was valuable in the treatment of acute infections. It was not claimed that the alcohol had direct specific action on the germs that cause these diseases. It had been observed however, that in the presence of an acute infection large amounts of alcohol might be taken without producing the alcoholic intoxication that ensues under ordinary conditions.

Food Value of Alcohol.

Alcohol may be used as a food. Although it has long been considered a stimulant by the public, the clinical laboratory and experimental observations, according to Dr. Lee, fail to disclose its value as measured by any precise test or by any method capable of expressing actual measurement.

Dr. Lee is convinced that the single beneficial effect of alcohol in acute infections is psychologic, rather than a general effect on the body. It creates a state of artificial euphoria. By this is meant a state of well being which brings about in the patient a satisfaction with life and a desire to live that he might otherwise not have.

"I believe," said Dr. Lee, "that alcohol properly administered in selected cases in which mild artificial euphoria is desirable is a valuable therapeutic procedure in making the patient more comfortable."

Dr. Lee pictured the elderly patient convalescent from some mild respiratory infection, depressed and miserable in mind and body, without appetite, with a sense of prostration and weakness. "In such cases," he says, "the use of alcohol in some agreeable form eases the miseries of the patient's body and encourages him to take nourishment and helps in the establishments of his recovery.

When Alcohol is Prescribed.

He points out that there are occasional cases in the early stages of pulmonary tuberculosis when the fever, the distress of the body and the consciousness of the

MEXICO AND JAPAN.

SECRET TREATY DENIED.

New York Nov. 29.

Continuing their series of copyrighted articles on the Mexican situation, the Hearst papers tomorrow will say that Japanese military aid for Mexico in the event of war with the United States is provided in the draft of a secret treaty formally submitted to the Japanese Government by President Coolidge in 1926.

The article says that in response to an inquiry from Tokyo, Calles proposed to Japan that a large district in western and southern Mexico should be colonized by Japan and that the colonists should have "some military training." He also stipulated that these soldier-colonists should go to Mexico with the expectation "in the unfortunate case" of a foreign war that Mexico might depend on their co-operation.

Calles informed Japan that Mexico had concluded a secret treaty with the Nicaraguan Liberals whereby Mexico had obtained colonization rights, but as Mexico was unprepared for foreign colonization part of the Japanese immigrants should be diverted to Nicaragua, "after a stay of one year on Mexico soil." A facsimile of the alleged Calles memorandum, including the text of the treaty, accompanies the article.

Washington, Nov. 29.

The Mexican Embassy formerly reiterated to-day that the Hearst series of articles were forgeries.

Tokyo, Dec. 1.

The Japanese Foreign Office to-day declared that the story printed in the Hearst newspapers about a proposed Mexican-Japanese treaty was untrue.

FREE STATE LOAN.

THE AMERICAN PORTION OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

New York, Dec. 6.

The £3,000,000 American portion of the Irish Free State loan has been over-subscribed.—Reuters' American Service.

diseases make life appear drab, and that the judicious administering of alcohol in small amounts seems to alter the outlook on life and to make endurable the rigours of the necessary treatment.

The patient with chronic heart disease, the person who is passing into senility with its inevitable discomforts is also benefited by small doses of alcohol, since it apparently enables him to eat more and to sleep better, as well as to give him freedom from bodily miseries.

In his conclusion Dr. Lee says that the benefit of alcohol is probably never directly life saving, that it should not be employed as a routine treatment, and should be used only in individual cases in which the indications for its use are clear.

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SHOOTING SENSATION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

A Dramatic Moment.

Chinese constable Chan Sing was wounded in a dramatic manner. It is said that he got near to the robber, when the latter had halted a few moments under cover of a pillar in Des Voeux Road, Central, to reload his revolver. The robber shouted to the policeman to keep off, but, undaunted, the constable made a dash at the gunman and was seriously wounded in the abdomen, the robber firing at him from close range.

Another constable, who had come up by this time, drew his revolver and shot at the gunman, bringing him down, but not before the robber had made an attempt to shoot him. The bullet despatched by the cornered man penetrated the constable's tunic, but, striking the buckle of his belt, was diverted in its course.

On receipt of the alarm at the Central Police Station, police officials visited the various spots where the encounters had taken place and secured details of the affair. The robber who was shot dead was found lying in the corner of Wing Lok Street, near the market.

Condition of Wounded.

At the Government Civil Hospital this morning, it was stated that both Sergeant McMahon and Ali Asgar Khan were in an extremely critical condition, and X-Ray examinations were made, as soon as possible with a view to immediate operation for the extraction of the bullets.

Police raids were subsequently carried out in Laichikok and Yau Ma Tei, as a result of information supplied by the unwounded prisoner, but apparently the addresses given were false ones, as no further arrests have been made.

THE INJURED OFFICER.

Only Recently Married.

It is a pathetic circumstance that Sergeant McMahon was married less than two months ago, his bride being Miss Muriel Jane Blundson, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blundson, of Hongkong. The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral on October 14th. Much sympathy will be felt with Mrs. McMahon and the other relatives in this very distressing occurrence.

Sergeant McMahon has been attached to the Force for just over four years, having arrived in the Colony on September 5th, 1923. He was due for Home leave next year.

THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

Interview With D. C. I.

The official account sets out the main features in the story without attempting, at this stage of the official investigations, to reconstruct the exact sequence of happenings as they developed from the armed robbery.

Interviewed by a *Telegraph* reporter this morning, the Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. T. H. King) after briefly recounting the facts connected with the armed robbery in the coffee-shop, as reported above, said that with the approach of the Chinese New Year, which had always witnessed a re-crucifixion of armed crime, it was found necessary, within the past week, to organize special search pickets for duty from each district station, as a preventive measure.

They had instructions to stop and search people in the streets for arms or for property which might have been unlawfully acquired. Their hours of duty were three, between six o'clock and midnight, and again a further three hours between midnight and six o'clock in the morning.

The picket in the Central district last night was under the command of Acting Police Sergeant McMahon, and with him there were one Indian Lance Sergeant, two Indian constables, one Chinese constable and one Chinese detective. They left the Central Police Station at one o'clock for picket duties until four o'clock. They proceeded down into the Central district to the neighbourhood of the Western Market, and were at the corner of Bonham Strand and Wing Lok Street when they came into contact with armed Chinese.

The exact sequence of events could not be established yet from this point, but, says Mr. King, apparently two Chinese were observed by the picket coming along from a westerly direction. On being challenged by the picket, they immediately produced revolvers and fired, severely wounding both Lance Sergeant McMahon and the detective, Lui Tung, in the abdomen. They then ran away. Two other Chinese who were a short distance behind these armed men, also ran off, and it is proved that they too also were armed.

The Chase.

Those of the picket who were not injured pursued and arrested one of the armed Chinese in Wing

Lok Street, with a revolver in his possession, not very far away from the scene of the encounter.

The second robber was shot and killed in the same street, about 300 yards from the point of the pursuit. (It is believed by Sergeant McMahon after he had been wounded.)

The third robber got clear away, and is still at large.

The fourth man was able to protect the chase longer. He got into Des Voeux Road, then ran through Man Wa Lane on to the Praya. As he ran along under the verandah, two Chinese constables on search duty at the Yaumati wharf, left their post to join in the pursuit. One of them, Wan Wong-chi, in spite of being entirely unarmed, tackled the man whom he saw running under the verandah, and was shot by this robber through the heart, at point-blank range.

The picket continued the pursuit, and followed this robber into Pedder Street. Past the Post Office, the fugitive made a detour into Des Voeux Road, and was finally shot down near the Connaught Wharf near Ching Street. He was wounded in several places, and a revolver was picked up near where he fell.

Additional Casualties.

During this long pursuit, it is established that yet another Chinese constable, Chan Sing, who joined in the chase, was shot in the abdomen by the man, who had also shot and killed the police searcher earlier. Chan Sing is in a critical condition in hospital.

At a point between Wing Lok Street and the Yaumati Ferry, an Indian constable, Ali Asgar Khan, who was on ordinary beat duty at the time, also joined in the chase, and he received a bullet wound in the thigh, and was removed to Hospital.

Another Chinese constable was shot through the belt, the bullet running along the length of the belt, but leaving him unscathed.

It is emphasised that at the time of the encounter the picket were not aware of the occurrence of the armed robbery in the Western district. But when messages came through, first of the armed robbery and then of the picket's encounter with four armed men, a connexion between the two occurrences was established. This connexion, Mr. King says, was proved subsequently by the identification of the man shot dead in Wing Lok Street as being one of the gang of four who took part in the armed robbery.

Reward Offered.

A reward of \$500 is being offered for the fourth man, who escaped from the picket and is still at large.

The medical report, adds Mr. King, is to the effect that Lance Sergeant McMahon, Chinese Detective Lui Tung, and Chinese constable Chan Sing, are in a dangerous condition. Constable Ali Asgar Khan, who was shot in the thigh, is detained in hospital.

It is noted that a revolver or automatic was recovered in each case, from the robber who was shot dead and from the two men who were captured.

LATER DETAILS.

Condition of Wounded.

Police officials believe that the men connected with this affair have been "wanted" for a long time in connexion with some of the more daring instances of armed crime in the Colony.

The police are optimistic of being able to effect the arrest of the fourth man within the next twenty-four hours.

Operation On Sgt. McMahon.

At 1 o'clock today it was learned from the Government Civil Hospital that Sergeant McMahon had been operated upon, and that his condition was very critical.

The two Chinese constables who were wounded, are also in a serious condition, but as regards the Indian, it is not thought that his life is in danger.

The robber who was shot down in Wing Lok Street is not in a very serious condition.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. British artist (1794-1865), grandson of the Duke of Portland, and some time Clerk of the Privy Council. 2. Leichhardt Garden City, 1904; Ebenezer Howard. 3. American author, best known for his "Giant" novels. 4. Mrs. Anna Louise Strong. 5. Mrs. Stevenson; Mrs. Laura Knight. 6. Defence of the Realm Act. 5. Sancho Panza. 7. Herbert Stothiffe. 8. 1705. 9. Elizabethan poet, who valued brevity. 10. Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King. 11. Name of an American naval oil estate. 12. The "Giant" novelist, who was a pianist. 13. President of the U.S.A.; famous architect; music-hall proprietor; leading British film producer; French novelist and critic.

THE FRENCH PARTY SPLIT.

RADICAL-UNIONISTS IN THE PICTURE.

SOCIALISM'S DANGER.

Paris, Nov. 3.

Mr. Franklin Bouillon, of the Radical-Socialist Federation of the Seine-et-Oise, to-day decided to break with the Radical-Socialist Party and to form a new party which he calls the Radical-Unionists.

This decision on the part of one of the most important sections of the Radical-Socialist Party will probably be followed in the provinces. It constitutes the most important political split that has taken place in the last 30 years of French parliamentary history. The new party will have as the main plank of its programme the maintenance of national union as vitally necessary for the safety of France.

Mr. Franklin Bouillon has resigned the Foreign presidency of the Chamber Foreign Affairs Committee, stating:

I represent here the Radical-Socialist Party, in whose ranks I have served for 25 years. I am leaving it because the congress has just formally repudiated the national union which saved France from disaster and because it has just condemned its members to an unconditional alliance—without even the guarantee of participation in the government—with the Socialists, who are the French section of the Second International.

This latter body is clearly committed to support the evacuation of the Rhineland and the absorption of Austria by Germany. This is the greatest danger that could threaten our nation and race. It means certain war within 10 years. Ignorance and abdication are preparing the conflict. My friends and I want to see peace.

The autumn session of Parliament re-opened to-day and one of the first statements was by the Premier and Finance Minister, M. Poincaré, who announced his intention to have the 1928 Budget passed before he would allow any other business to occupy the Chamber. The Chamber voted the liberation of the four Communist deputies who are at the Sante Prison for inciting French soldiers and sailors to mutiny—M. Marcel Cachin, Doriot, Marty, and Duclos.

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THE FIRST AIR
"MUTINY."

ECHO OF A WOMAN'S FLIGHT.

Washington.—Three times Miss Frances Grayson has started the Dawn from the coast of Maine to fly to Denmark, but each time after about an hour's flight she has returned to her base, engine trouble being given as the reason. Last Sunday was her third attempt, when she flew 495 miles and then turned back, explaining that one of the motors broke down.

It now appears there was "mutiny" of the crew of the Dawn—the first air mutiny on record. The Dawn, after heading east, was turned west without Miss Grayson's knowledge and without her consent. Miss Grayson, nominally in command of the expedition, was accompanied by Eric Goldsborough, navigator, and Wilmer Stultz, pilot.

Neither of the men nor Miss Grayson will make an explicit statement, but from the little that has been said a physical encounter in the narrow confines of the Dawn, then 400 feet above the Atlantic, was narrowly averted between Goldsborough and Stultz. The former and Miss Grayson discovered that instead of flying towards Denmark they were on their way back to Old Orchard Beach, Maine, whence they hopped off. Miss Grayson insisted that the original course must be resumed, but Stultz paid no heed to her commands or protests, and brought the plane back to its starting-point.

Stultz explained that he turned the plane back when he ran into a thick, soupy fog that shut out all sight of sky or water, and his altimeter showed he was only 400 feet above the water. One of the motors was consuming 25 per cent more fuel than was estimated, which would have left them with empty tanks in mid-ocean. There was nothing left except to turn back.

Miss Grayson, who declares she

has not abandoned her flight,

is now reported to be looking for another pilot.

MISSING!

The Girl Who Ran Away From Home. Dressed as a boy. Last seen on a freight train in company of dangerous tramps, but known to have protection of character known as "The Deacon" and a husky young fellow resembling Ralph Graves. Follow the romantic and exciting adventures of these three in the fine new film—

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